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Iran Charges Iraq With a Gas Attack And Its Grisly Toll

By Patrick E. Tyler

HALABJA, Iraq — More dren and elderly men lay in the streets, alleys and courtyards of this now empty city, victims of what Iran alleges is the worst chemical-warfare attack on civilians in the more than seven years of the Gulf War.

Some victims hugged children in silent embraces, others sprawled in doorways. One family lay near a table set for

In another houses, the cellar became the death chamber for residents trying to flee the heavier-than-air cloud that seeped down into their refuge to kill them.

Outside, the streets were littered with the bloated corpses of cattle and sheep, cats and dogs, all trapped by the chemi-cal burst near the city center.

Iraq denies responsibility for what happened in this valley 150 miles (245 kilometers) northeast of Baghdad on March 16 at 2 P.M. when a single warplane appeared from the west and dropped one or more chemical bombs sending a deadly yellow and white cloud through the city, killing hundreds and perhaps thousands of Iraqi resi-

Iranian military officials told Western journalists that two Iraqi pilots, whose jets were shot down during a fierce battle for the town, had acknowledged

that Iraq was responsible for the chemical attack.

Halabja survivors said in interviews that they were certain the gas attack had come from an Iraqi warplane, because it had occurred after the battle was over and Iraqi forces had withdrawn or surrendered to the Iranians.

Iranian officials asserted that lraq's military command was punishing the Kurdish popula-tion of Halabja for its complicity with Iranian forces.

An Iraqi military communi-que said last week that Iraqi forces had long ago abandoned Halabja and did not consider the area important. Whatever happened, the communique asserted, was Iran's responsibil-

Yet the evidence that the Iraqi Army was in Halabja in strength is plentiful.

The gas attack came during a large military offensive by Iranian Revolutionary Guards and Kurdish guerrillas, who have penetrated 30 miles into Iraq and now are dug in along the shore of Lake Dar Bandi Khan, whose dam is a major hydroelectric power source for north-

eastern Iraq. In Tehran, the head of Iran's war information ministry said Wednesday that Iran may be forced" to use chemical weapons against Iraq in retaliation for Iraqi chemical attacks.

"We hope that the Islamic Republic of Iran will not be See GULF, Page 4



In a photograph from the Iranian news agency, people said to be residents of Halabja, Iraq, gather for transfer to hospitals after an apparent gas attack.

Iran-Iraq Tactics: Fighting for Political Advantage

By Alan Cowell New York Times Service

NICOSIA - In sharp contrast to recent practice, the Iran-Iraq war has become focused on offensives far from the major battle-fronts on land that Tehran views as decisive in determining the

Unlike the fighting since 1984, Western and Arab specialists say,

the war this year has been limited say, has been a setback for Westto relatively modest encounters on land and wider assaults on

NEWS ANALYSIS Gulf shipping and on the warring nations' cities. The shift, they say, is designed more to produce dipmatic and political advantage than secure major territorial gain. The result, Western diplomats

ern efforts to secure an arms embargo against Iran. The setback, they add, accompanies a sense that the war, which topped Arab agendas only a few months ago, had slipped in importance be-cause of the Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

For the last four years, the early

months of each year have seen major onslaughts by Iran on the southern front around the Iraqi port of Basra. The efforts had been depicted by Tehran as final onslaughts to overthrow the leadership of President Saddam Hussein in Baghdad.

After bitter fighting a year ago. Iraq reinforced its defenses around Basra, apparently in anthis year. At the time, Baghdad offered a conditional acceptance of a UN Security Council cease-fire plan, but Iran raised objec-

In regional diplomacy, Iraq upper hand when the largely con-

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In Nicaragua, Optimism on Truce Talks

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches and rebel negotiators resumed their us all. negotiations Wednesday amid optimism that an agreement could bring an extended cease-fire and general amnesty in Nicaragua's six-

In Washington, the United States announced that 3,200 U.S. troops in Honduras would begin returning to the United States over the weekend as scheduled.

Defense Minister Humberto Ortega Saavedra, brother of President Daniel Ortega Saavedra and leader of the Sandinist delegation at Sapoi, said, "We are here to synthe-size the proposals put forth by both

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OPEC Decision Bolsters Prices

PARIS (NYT) -- Crude oil prices moved sharply higher Wednesday following an an-nouncement by OPEC's presi-dent, Rilwanu Lukman, that the group's price monitoring committee will meet during the first week of April.

Markets saw the news as an indication that OPEC would take some action to address weakness in prices. Page 9.

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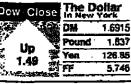
Yes Sent Langua for the IRT Sketch of short bouffant evening dress from Yves Saint Laurent's fall-winter showings.

General News

Democratic candidates are battling to win the votes of clite delegate-politicians. Page 3. The UN assembly voted overwhelmingly to oppose the U.S. effort to shut the PLO mission to the UN.

Business/Finance Visa International will begin

testing an electronic credit card with a built-in computer and keyboard. Page 9.



Gimpuleu In One Staff From Disputches sides over the last two days in order army truck Tuesday near Muluschen SAPOA, Nicaragua — Sandinist to reach a final accord that satisfies kuku, in the northern province of

"Naturally, we hope for the best possible results and for peace in Nicaragua," the defense minister

Both sides cited progress on

Tuesday after presenting proposals for an extended cease-fire that agreed on some major points. They had already agreed to a truce for the duration of the talks.

But as the third day of the talks began, the state-run Voice of Nicaragua radio reported a rebel viola-

tion of the truce.

The radio said that the U.S.backed rebels had ambushed an

Matagalpa, killing two soldiers.

Bosco Matamoros, a spokesman for the rebels, said of the reported cease-fire violation, "There could said.

On Tuesday, he said that he ex- will from both sides to respect that pected a "concrete agreement" to decision."

emerge from the discussions, the In Managua, a spokesman for first direct talks between the gov-ernment and the rebels, known as the Defense Ministry said that the ministry had no information about ប្រាច iL

The main stumbling blocks in the talks appeared to center on the mechanics of how the contras would surrender their arms and be granted amnesty. Sources close to the talks said that they could still become stalled on details. One source said the talks might contin-

ne beyond Wednesday.

Four battalions of U.S. troops were airlifted to Honduras on

called an emergency training exer-cise after Nicaraguan soldiers pursuit of guerrillas. The troops were to stay for 10 days. The chief White House spokes-man, Martin Fitzwater, and Penna-

gon officials said the troops should begin the withdrawal over the weekend, completing their return by Tuesday.

said that the soldiers would be kept away from the scene of the fighting. Mr. Fitzwater said that democratic governments in the region had been "very supportive" of the

deployment. However, President Miguel de la Madrid of Mexico has said that the problems of Central America would not be solved "with the movement of armies nor with the

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Soviets Urge That 'Every Measure' Be Taken to Prevent Ethnic Protests

By Bill Keller

New York Times Service MOSCOW — The Soviet government called on the police and local governments on Wednesday to "take every necessary measure been shaken by ethnic protests.

territorial demands that animated the largest independent popular movement in the history of the So-

In a separate development on country's agricultural system to be over the city. led by farms owned by farmers, not

a national meeting of collective nian Ministry of Internal Affairs.

farmers at the Kremlin, said the which oversees the police, appeared possibilities of cooperatives were a "brilliant discovery" of Lenin that have been underused by subsequent Soviet leaders.

to prevent further disturbances in to persuade Soviets to enter into ing on Saturday," said Mr. Potwo southern republics that have cooperative ventures to make up for shortages in the state-run econ-The statement reinforced the omy. The summary of Mr. Gorba-widely held conclusion that the chev's speech, distributed by Tass, government would not grant the did not give any indication whether he would move to give land to individual farmers.l

Armenians and a Westerner reached Wednesday night by tele-phone in Yerevan, the Armenian Wednesday, Mikhail S. Gorbachev capital, said the authorities had becalled for a transformation of the gun flying low helicopter patrols

Rafael Popoyan, a literature professor and Armenian nationalist, IMr. Gorbachev, in an address to said a representative of the Arme-

"A lot of people are now saying [Mr. Gorbachev has been trying it is not worth it to have the meetpoyan, referring to a gathering at which protest organizers planned to decide their next steps. "The situation is very tense."

> Groups of Armenians gathered in the streets on Wednesday but were discouraged from collecting in the central square, where hundreds of thousands of Armenians massed last month, according to Yerevan residents. One resident reported counting 25 truckloads of troops passing through the city.

At night, a series of well-known Armenians, including actors and See ARMENIA, Page 4



The Continuing Grief of Ulster

Relatives of two British soldiers who were killed in Northern Ireland on Saturday waiting as the bodies were returned to the Royal Air Force base at Northholt, England, on Wednesday. The soldiers, Corporals Derek Wood and David Howes, were attacked and shot during an Irish Republican Army funeral in West Belfast. The Northern Ireland police the Royal Ulster Constabulary, said Wednesday that they were abandoning their policy of staying away from IRA funerals. In another development, Britain's two main television networks, responding to government pressure, agreed to hand over to the police some of their film of the killings.

Growth Braked Sharply in Soviet Bloc Last Year

By Reginald Dale International Herald Tribune

Economic growth rates in the Sovietbloc countries fell sharply last year, braked partly by uncertainty over reform plans. United Nations economists said Wednes-

The Soviet Union's rate of economic growth dropped to 2.3 percent in 1987 from 4.1 percent in 1986, the UN Economic Commission for Europe reported in its annual survey. The East European economies expanded by 3.2 percent, down from 4.6 percent.

Average growth for the West European countries slipped from 2.5 percent to 2.25 percent, while growth in North America held steady at 3 percent, the UN commis-

In Washington, the U.S. government said Wednesday that the nation's economy expanded at a 4.8 percent annual rate in the final quarter of last year, even faster

than previously thought. (Page 9.)
For the Soviet bloc, "the main reason for disappointing growth in 1987 was a reducstagnant agricultural production, and smaller than expected efficiency gains."

the Geneva-based commission said. The East-bloc countries had failed in their plans to reduce consumption of energy and raw material per unit of output, the report said. It added that "the engineering branch was mainly responsible for shortfalls in the production and delivery of equipment that had been expected to boost

efficiency in other branches." Economic reform plans, such as the restructuring, or perestroika, launched by the Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev, have actually hurt output, the commission said. It noted that in the transitional period before the reforms are fully put in place. enterprises have been caught between the

old and new systems. The commission said that the reforms were far-reaching and badly needed, but would not be fully implemented until late in the 1990s.

In the meantime, particularly in the Soviet Union, output has been affected by uncertainty resulting from the andontion in external demand and contracting or ment of the old, more rigidly planned sys-

tem, which had worked despite all its deficiencies, the report said. Declining fixed investment from the late

1970s to the early 1980s in many East-bloc countries also had hampered technical and structural change, the survey said. In the six East European countries -Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia. East Germany, Hungary, Poland and Romania - individual growth rates ranged from 2 to 5 per-

cent, the survey said. "But in almost all countries, there was a slowdown." The commission's 34 member nations comprise all the European countries, including the Soviet Union, along with the United States and Canada. It is considered one of the leading independent authorities on economic developments in the East

For 1988, growth in net material prod-uct, or NMP, was likely to be just above 3 percent for the bloc, the report said. NMP. defined as national product excluding most services and depreciation of capital goods. is the standard measure of output for the centrally planned economies. Keeping up the higher rates of expansion

achieved earlier in the 1980s proved much more demanding than was assumed when strategies were adopted for the current 1986-90 planning period, the survey said. Overall output growth in 1986 and 1987

fell short of both the growth rates envisaged in the five-year plans and the actual rates in 1983-85. Thus a great effort will be needed in 1988-90 to make up for the momentum lost in the second year of the current five-year period," the report said. It said that for some of the Soviet-bloc countries, "the

five-year plan targets may already have moved cut of reach by the beginning of With Western demand for East European exports faltering, the Soviet-bloc countries are also facing balance of payments

The UN commission said that boosting import growth would worsen the countries current accounts, or widest measure of trade, and require "the acceptance of a

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The 'Big Mac' Hits Belgrade

BELGRADE — The McDon-ald's Corp. opened its first fastfood restaurant in Eastern Europe, in the Yugoslav capital, on Wednesday and said it planned to

countries as well. Company officials said that a McDonald's would open in the next few months in Budapest, that more restaurants would be built in Belgrade and that a deal would soon be concluded for a restaurant

open restaurants in other East bloc

in Moscow. "We plan to move step by step. one restaurant at a time, one country at a time," said Glen Cook, the McDonald's executive handling the corporation's European devel-opment plans. McDonald's has about 10,000 restaurants in nearly

50 countries. The Belgrade McDonald's is a joint venture with Genex. Yugoslavia's biggest general trading con-

Planned May 29 Reagan to Visit

Summit

Moscow, but Pact May Not Be Set By Lou Cannon

WASHINGTON - President

Ronald Reagan said Wednesday that he would meet with Mikhail S. Gorbachev in Moscow from May 29 through June 2. Mr. Reagan also said he did not know whether it would be possible for U.S. and Soviet negotiators to complete work on a strategic nucle-

ar arms treaty by that time. The president, with the Soviet foreign minister, Eduard A. Shevardnadze at his side, was briefly responding to questions in the White House Rose Garden. Mr. Reagan said in a Feb. 25 interview with The Washington Post that "common sense indicates that the time is too limited" to complete a strategic treaty by the time of the next summit meeting. But Secretary of State George P. Shultz has since said that agree-

ment was possible by the time the two leaders meet in Moscow. Mr. Shevardnadze said Wednesday that "we have set the date, and now we shall take care of good substance, good content for the

Summit. In answer to a shouted question, he also said "there is progress" toward an agreement for withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan, The summit dates announced Wednesday were a week later than those disclosed earlier this month by U.S. officials. Administration

officials that the United States had

pressed for a meeting that would conclude in May, but gave in to the Soviet request for the later dates. Mr. Reagan and Mr. Shevardnadze interrupted a midday round of talks to make the announcement. They then continued their discussions at a working lunch, and Mr. Shevardnadze returned to the State Department on Wednesday

afternoon for additional talks. Administration officials said plans called for the president to leave Washington on May 26 and spend three nights in Helsinki before going on to Moscow. He is scheduled to return home on June 3 two nights in London.

These officials said it was still undetermined whether Mr. Reagan will also have a brief stopover in Brussels to report to North Atlantic Treaty Organization leaders before going to London.

The summit meeting will be the fourth between the two leaders, who met previously in Geneva. Revkjavik and in Washington in December, when they signed the intermediate nuclear forces treaty eliminating medium- and shorter range nuclear missiles.

U.S. officials have said that a fifth Reagan-Gorbachev summit meeting is possible to sign a strategic arms treaty if it is not ready in time for the Moscow meeting but is

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U.S. Forces Taiwan to Shut N-Plant

By Stephen Engelberg and Michael R. Gordon

New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — Under pressure from the United States, Taiwan has stopped work on a secret installation that could have been used to obtain plutonium, a main ingredient in nuclear weapons, according to Reagan administration officials.

At the insistence of Washington, Taiwan also has shut down its largest civilian research reactor, a Canadian-supplied unit that has been the focus of U.S. concerns about Taipei's nuclear intentions since it was delivered in 1960. Asked for his assessment of Tai-

wan's intentions, one U.S. official replied: "They weren't doing it for the fun of it. U.S. officials said the effort to build an installation capable of plutonium extraction violated Taiwan's secret commitments to the

United States that it would under-

take no research for developing atomic weapons. The U.S. officials moved after learning about Taiwan's actions from a top-level informant inside a

Taiwanese research institute. The closing of the reactor came shortly after the informant, Colonel Chang Hsien-yi. left Taiwan a few months ago, with what U.S. officials said was the help of the

Central Intelligence Agency. Colonel Chang's whereabouts now could not be determined. The

CIA declined comment. Officials said it was not clear whether the planned installation to

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U.S. Tells Israel of Concern

Acts After Threat On Saudi Missiles

By David B. Ottaway

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — The United States has expressed its concern to israel about a statement a senior Israeli official made suggesting his country might strike the intermediate-range Chinese missiles that Saudi Arabia is acquiring, U.S. and Saudi officials said.

In a Sunday interview with the Israeli radio, a close aide to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Yosi Ben Aharon, said that "the possibility always exists" that Israel might strike at the missile sites.

"We have a reputation that we do not wait until a potential danger becomes an actual danger," he said, according to a translation of the Hebrew text provided by the radio

on Tuesday night.

The missiles have a range of more than 1,000 miles — 2,000 for the most sophisticated - and could easily strike Israel.

Saudi officials have said the kingdom wants the missiles because of the widespread use Iran is making of missiles in its war with Iraq. There has been increasing hostility between Saudi Arabia and Iran in the last two years, and Iran in the last two years, and Iran has periodically threatened to attack Saudi Arabia for supporting tack Saudi Arabia for supporting twin the last two years, and Iran between Saudi Arabia for supporting tion's observer mission.

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Iraq.
The Israeli radio interview provoked immediate concern and nervousness in Saudi Arabia that Israel might be planning a strike. The Saudis contacted the U.S. government, and the U.S. assistant secretary of state, Richard W. Murphy, called the Israeli ambassador, Moshe Arad, on Sunday night.

We expressed our concern and said this kind of statement was very unhelpful," a State Department official said Tuesday night.

Reagan administration opposed Charter for its protection when its Congress's adoption of the Anti-own avowed principles contradict Israeli officials at first sought to deny Mr. Ben Aharon had made an Terrorism Act last year, which that very charter."

Mr. Terzi launched an angry attack on the United States and Israel after the vote. Waving the newly implicit threat. But the Israeli radio has twice rebroadcast the inter-

The Saudis apparently took the threat seriously because of the surprise, long-range attack Israel launched on an Iraqi nuclear reac-tor outside Baghdad in June 1981. In addition, Israeli warplanes are also known to have flown along the Sandi western coast and to have entered Saudi airspace.

Mr. Ben Abaron is director-gen eral of the prime minister's office wide-ranging talks with top admin-istration officials last week during the prime minister's visit to Wash-

Mr. Shamir is reported to have expressed his deep concern about the Chinese missiles both at the White House last Wednesday and in his talks with Secretary of State

Saudi Arabia has "categorically. assured" the United States that it does not have, nor intend to acquire, a nuclear capability. And China has assured Washington it will not export nuclear weapons to the Saudi kingdom, according to the State Department officials. meant to signal defiant determina-tion to continue fighting the Soviet-

But Israel is reported to be concerned the Chinese CSS2 surfaceto-surface missiles could be fitted with chemical warheads and fired Iran, in case an eventual UN acat Israeli airfields or other targets.

The United States has been working to head off any misunderstanding over the missiles among Israel, Saudi Arabia and China while making clear to the Saudi government that it is unhappy the missiles have been introduced into the Arab-Israeli military situation.

Italian Journalists to Strike The Associated Press

ROME — A nationwide walkout by Italian journalists will close newspapers over the weekend, while broadcast journalists are to begin three days of strikes Thurs-day.



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China Eases Rules for Foreigners on Land Control

By Edward A. Gargan New York Times Service

SHANGHAI - In a move to encourage land reform and create a real estate market. China has begun accepting bids from for-eign investors who want to buy long-term leases to develop sites in Shanghai. Diplomats and members of the foreign

business community saw the move as historic because control of land by foreigners has been taboo since the Communist armies marched down Shanghai's Bund in 1949 and declared that all foreign property belonged to the people. "I declare that the tender of bids for

land-use rights in the Hongqiao develop-ment zone is now open," Jiang Wugao, director of Shanghai's land bureau, on Tuesday told a packed room of Hong Kong business people, diplomats, Chinese trade officials and local lawyers.

Foreign investors have until June 30 to submit their bids on a tract of rubblestrewn land on the western edge of the city. Although the land cannot be owned out-

Wednesday overwhelmingly adopt-

A total of 148 countries voted for

move violates a 1947 pact govern-ing UN rights in New York. The resolution also calls on the United

States to enter arbitration with the

world body to settle the dispute, as

required under the 1947 pact.

el voted against the resolution.

legal action to shut the mission.

PESHAWAR, Pakistan - As

United Nations-sponsored negoti-ations on the Alghan conflict raise

the possibility that Pakistan might

by anti-communist Afghan guerril-las, one guerrilla leader recently

visited Iran and another threatened

backed Afghan government from

cord for the pullout of Soviet

troops closes their sanctuaries and

But Pakistani officials, Western

diplomats and some Alghan lead-

ers interviewed in Pakistan dis-

counted any efforts to transfer the

base of the Afghan resistance to

They said Iran shows no discern-

ible desire to grant the Afghan mu-

jahidin, or "holy warriors," major

facilities. Also, they said, present

politics and centuries-old rivalries between Shiite Moslem Iran and

predominantly Sunni Moslem Af-

Diplomats noted that fran has

refrained from major involvement

government and its Soviet ally.

supply sources in Pakistan.

The guerrilla leaders apparently

to move operations there.

UN Votes to Resist U.S.

On Closing PLO Office

UNITED NATIONS, New ered a summons to Palestinian en-

York — The General Assembly on voy Zehdi L. Terzi on Wednesday.

the draft, which states that the U.S. peace in the Middle East by the

Only the United States and Isra-liberate Palestine" and declare the

Speaking before the vote, the void."
deputy U.S. envoy, Herbert S. Mr. Bein said that "the PLO may
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suit against the mission in Federal interpretation of the 1947 Head-

An Afghan Rebel Shift

To Iran Is Discounted

Hazarajat.

played a major role in the fighting,

alliance, which represents the bulk

im government it has vowed to in-

Iran keeps a tighter rein on both

Afghan refugees and guerrilla

Pakistan, according to Afghans who have lived in both countries.

In marked contrast with the virtual

freedom enjoyed by the estimated

three million Afghan refugees in Pakistan, the estimated one million

or more refugees in Iran are kept

virtually penned up in camps near

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District Court in Manhattan Tues- quarters Agreement.

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delegate, read Articles 9 and 19 of

the Palestinian Liberation Organi

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The land offered Tuesday, the first of what Shanghai officials expect will be a series of land-use sales, is a three-acre (1.211-hectare) parcel about four miles (6.47 kilometers) from the riverfront Bund and the old colonial section of the city. The city hopes the land, part of a 160-acre tract, will be the focus of an international development where consulates, luxury hotels, foreign banks and businesses will spring

The transfer of land-use rights is an important step in the reform of land use," said Ni Tianzhen, a deputy mayor. "Economic means must apply to the use of land," he said, "so the existing system of land use must undergo reform. Only in this way can the resources of land be more fairly used and distributed."

While there are many foreign-owned or jointly owned enterprises in China and Shanghai, these enterprises rent the tracts they use. In central Shanghai, for instance, right - under the law all land in China the maximum annual rental is about \$3 a belongs to the state — the bidder will have square foot (\$32 a square meter).

to sell those rights and to use the parcel as now obsolete because of the restrictions it placed on investors.

> "Land-use rights could not be transferred or used as a mortgage," he said. "It was harmful to the development of a real estate industry. A real estate industry plays an important part in the development of a city's economy.

The invitation for bids was the latest, and a particularly telling, act in a growing land reform movement in China.

Last December, for example, the rights to a chunk of land in Shenzhen - an experimental economic territory adjacent to Hong Kong in which tax rules, labor practices and investment procedures are intended to be significantly more liberal than in the rest of China - were sold to a state-owned property company for devel-

But until now the long-term leasing of land rights to foreigners was not permitted. Land use, like other chapters in the socialist bible, has come under intense scruti-ny as China's leadership, propelled by the vision of its senior leader, Deng Xiaoping,

Mr. Ni maintained that this practice was ow obsolete because of the restrictions it torpor of rigid Soviet-style socialism.

The restructuring of the economy began in China's countryside with the breakup of collective farms and the distribution of land to individual farmers a decade ago. It has seeped into the cities with the legitimization of small-scale and sometimes notso-small-scale private enterprise.

The guarantees that socialist egalitarianism promised in the past - lifetime jobs, virtually free housing, free medical care and subsidized food—are all under attack as free markets expand their grip on the economy and profit and loss statements become a measure of accomplishment.

One of the last bastions has been proper-

While the decision to lease pieces of Shanghai for foreign development is historic, potential investors are skeptical of the timing and need for the practice.

"I don't think anybody will bid on the land," one foreign businessman said.
"There isn't any need to buy this, especially when land is leased so cheaply.

WORLD BRIEFS

Israeli Planes Raid Lebanon 5 Times

SIDON, Lebanon (Reuters) — Israeli jets raided targets in souther Lebanon five times on Wednesday, killing at least two persons are wounding 15, security sources said.

They said four planes fired at least 25 rockets and dropped time bomb over the hilliop villages of Abra, Bramiyeh, Sharhabil and Majdalyou near Sidon, 24 miles (40 kilometers) south of Beirut. The attack was the third since March 12 and the fourth on Lebanese territory this year. The sources said the five consecutive air strikes within an hour war aimed at bases of the Marxist Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine and the Fatah Revolutionary Council. The planes also blaste positions of the Sunni Moslem fundamentalist Tawheed movement a well as the Sunni Popular Liberation Army, which controls security is

Ford and GM Lose Fight on Hyundai

OTTAWA (Combined Dispatches) — The Canadian Import Tribuna
on Wednesday unanimously rejected a complaint by the Ford Motor Co
and General Motors Corp. that Hyundai Motor Co. of South Korea wa
injuring domestic companies by "dumping" its cars at low prices.

The three-member tribunal panel found, after a four-week hearing
that Hyundai had not injured the Canadian operations of the two U.S
antomakers and decided that preliminary duties imposed earlier this was
on Hyundai's exports to Canada will.

North American automobile industry sources had hoped that if suc cessful, the complaint might lead to similar action against Hyundai in th United States and help the fight against Japanese imports. (Reuers, AFF

on Hyundai's exports to Canada will be refunded. The decision may h

113 Die as Fire Sweeps Burma Town

RANGOON, Burma (Combined Dispatches) — A fire devastated the remote northern Burma hill town of Lashio, killing 113 people and making more than 20,000 homeless as it swept through a jumble of wooden houses, Burmese officials said wednesday.

They said it was the worst fire accident in Burmese history. Official said the said town and marriable agenting storage for the said town.

sources said strong winds and possibly gasoline stored for the city's blacmarket helped fuel the fire. Damages were estimated at about \$10 millior. There were no immediate independent reports from the town, an word of the fire came from the government-controlled national radic Lashio, 450 miles (730 kilometers) northeast of Rangoon, is the larges city and business center in the northern Shan states and the seat of th northeast military command. It is a center of black market trade and ha a racially mixed population of Burmese, Chinese and members of th

Malaysia Justifies Its Security Arrests

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (UPI) — A Malaysian governmen report said that officials were justified in imposing a nationwide securit crackdown in October and using a law allowing detention without trial Deputy Home Minister Megat Junid Megat Ayob told Parliamen recently that 119 people were arrested during the clampdown. He say that 49 of them, including the opposition leader Lim Kit Siang, were ordered interred for an initial but renewable two-year period.

The official document blamed an array of politicians, covert Marxist

Moslem "deviationists," church workers, social reformists and the pres for threatening Malaysia's security and stability by deliberately foment ing racial antagonism between politically dominant indigenous Mosler Malays and the large ethnic Chinese community. From Oct. 27 until No. 14, 106 people were arrested and detained under the Internal Securit Act, which allows detention without trial. Four newspapers were close and all political rallies banned, the document said.

For the Record

Jean-Marie Le Pen, the rightist French politician, won 100,000 franc (\$17,400) in a libel suit on Wednesday against Le Canard Enchaîne, satirical weekly that published in June a photograph of Mr. Le Pen frot the rear, with his trousers down. The court ruled that the newspaper has riolated the privacy of the leader of the National Front party. (AFF

An Australian missionary accused of helping the rightist Mozambica rebels was sentenced to 10 and a half years in prison in Mozambique distribution of a Pentecostal sect based in the Malawi, was convicted of rebellion, inciting rebellion, collaborating with an illegal organization and entering Mozambique illegally. An appeal R

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> The announcement followed many reports of near-collisions that were leaked to the news media in the past year by controllers who said that the agency was covering up an inefficient and undermanned system. Under the new system, some control work now done at Heathrow and Gatwick airports would be switched to a control center west of London enabling controllers to handle more traffic in the area.

Strike on Channel Ferries Worsens

CALAIS, France (AFP) — A weeklong strike by French seamen of the British-French Sealink ferry line hardened Wednesday as their officer. Samey and the armed forces, as joined it in Calais and Dunkirk.

As an estimated 850 trucks backed up on both sides of the Channel ter chosen by the National Conley and the armed forces.

The 344-to-212 vote on Tuesday

The liamentary system, arguing that it ending a seven-week strike disrupting ferry traffic in the English port of would contribute to political instability and run counter to popular and Boulogne was normal.

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Hungry travelers using Heathrow Airport are confronted by gastronomic horrors, including fish pie smelling of compost and chocolate cakt reminiscent of sawdust, food experts said Wednesday. Egon Ronay, the zelian presidents.

The last has a survey of eating establishments at the zelian presidents.

Rement. only for the trash can.

Florence has cut noise and pollution in its narrow streets by half in only

Rabin said on a tour of Gaza that he saw signs of exhaustion among Palestinians.

The Tel Aviv newspaper Ha'ar—
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direct lights each Monday, Wednesday and Friday, while Air France was opponents and most of the public favor elections this year.

The armed forces have backed Mr. Sarney, warning that elections in November could threaten the country's transition to democracy. Brazil has not had a direct election for the presidency since 1960.

(NYT, Reuters)

direct lights each Monday, Wednesday and Friday, while Air France was cover the route on Saturdays.

(IPI)

Smoking will be banned on Northwest Airlines U.S. domestic flights tarting next month as a "response to our customers' and employees" wednesday. The airline also will ban smoking on flights to Canada, Mexico, Jamaica and the Cayman Islands. It is scheduled to begin April 23, the day the U.S. law barting smoking on all domestic flights of two fours or less takes effect. The Northwest ban will not be enforced on trans-Atlantic, trans-Pacific and Hawaii flights.

Students gave President François Mitterrand a white scarf at a Paris show on Wednesday to remind him that he said in June that he would be "campaigning when you see me with my hat and scarf."

Chirac Rejects Mitterrand's Charges solve parliament if it refuses to go far-right candidate, Jean-Marie Le

Mr. Chirac said the president

represents an out-of-date party

that had hampered France's pro-

gress by placing its own supporters in key positions in government and

industry. This was something, he

"We speak for the people of all

Responding to allegations by the

U.S. and Egypt Move Closer on Arms

said, that his party had not done.

France, not just for the right or the

along with his selection.

PARIS - Prime Minister Jacques Chirac struck back Wednesday night at accusations by President François Mitterrand that France risks social upheaval if a conservative wins the presidential egal action to shut the mission. vowed the group would fight in The Justice Department filed United States courts to uphold its

"I would not say that those are the kind of words you should use in a democracy," Mr. Chirac said on elevision in reply to Mr. Mitter-

rand's announcement Tuesday that he will be the Socialist candidate. Mr. Chirac said he was shocked by Mr. Mitterrand's "aggressive"

"Are we in the midst of a civil war as he seems to be saying?" he

asked. By Jonathan C. Randal

Washington Post Service

States and Egypt have agreed on closer cooperation in arms devel-Hazaras operating in Alghanistan's mountainous central region, the strange situation, with its chief of state and its head of government Shiite resistance groups have not

In the meantime, he asked, "who but the Sunni-dominated guerrilla is looking after the state?

WASHINGTON — The United opment, raising Cairo to the same level of military partnership with Washington as Istael and NATO closest U.S. allies in the Middle allies, Pentagon officials said on

of the rebel forces, has reserved two re-elected, he will designate a prime tary Frank C. Carlucci and his standing at the Pentagon in Deseats for them in the 28-seat interminister within 24 hours and dis-

lim Abu Ghazala, would sign a memorandum of understanding on clemency has been made. the agreement at the Pentagon. Egypt, which depended for years on the Soviet Union for its military

Pen of the National Front, that Mr.

Chirac and Mr. Mitterrand have essentially pursued the same poli-cies for the past two years, Mr. Chirac stated, "I have nothing in

common with Mr. Mitterrand.

What I have done has been very different from the Socialist op-

The first round-of the election

will be April 24 with a runoff be-

tween the two top candidates May

equipment has become one of the East and one of the biggest recipi-

Sarney Wins a Constitutional Vote

RIO DE JANEIRO - A Constitutional Assembly in Brazil has

the Afghan border. ney and the armed forces. In any case, the resistance's two major financial backers, the United States and Saudi Arabia, would be was a major boost for Mr. Sarney, a wielded by the president. unlikely to support Afghan guerrilconservative, and one of the most

voted in layor of maintaining the country's presidential system of government, apparently bending to pressure from President José Sar-

Brazil since the end of the 1964-85 cause of Mr. Sarney's inability to period of military rule. end the economic crisis and his Until recently, public-opinion acrimonious verbal clashes with the legislature. surveys indicated that a majority of

However, in recent weeks, Mr. well as the Socialist opposition

The advocates of a parliamentaimportant political decisions in ry system had gained converts be-

ghanistan militate against such a Israelis May Extend Reserve Duty course.

in the Afghan war, reflecting the top priority Tehran accords to its conflict with Iraq. Tehran is on good terms with so few countries, a voluntary basis to help put down the Palestinian uprising in the occasion and the palestinian uprising in th easily compromise its relations with Pakistan by authorizing oper-ations inside Afghanistan that would circumvent Pakistan's agree-

would circumvent Pakistan's agreeit is being actively considered," an
ment to an accord with the Alghan
army spokesman said. He said that if the plan was ap-Iranian support for anti-Soviet proved, the army would ask reserve were relatively quiet on Wednessestinians said the operations inside Afghanistan has ists to volunteer for paid service in day, and Defense Minister Yitzhak underestimated.

compulsory reserve duty, which the army announced last week would be increased to 50 days from 42 as cupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

of April 1 to free troops now patrolling the territories for training.

This would be on top of annual

Reuters the occupied territories for periods Rabin said on a tour of Gaza that TEL AVIV — Israel said of three to six months. Rabin said on a tour of Gaza that he saw signs of exhaustion amone

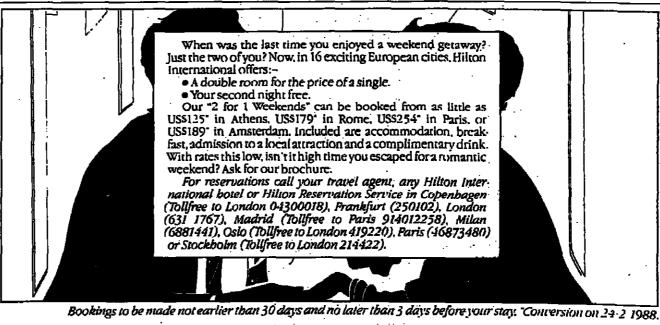
Palestinians arrested in the last week would be jailed without trial for six months. Mr. Rabin told a parliamentary

The length of Mr. Samey's mandate will be decided in a separate

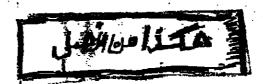
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Offstage, Democrats Scrap for Votes of Elite Politician-Delegates rics a double message. For the many Democratic nomination of the power of elected officials to improve the party's choice of a firmly closed that door. Also, the firmly closed that door closed that closed the closed t

New York Times Service WASHINGTON - In the battle for the Democratic presidential nomination, there is no group comparable to the superdelegates, the 646 governors and members of Congress and the Democratic Na-tional Committee who will automatically attend this year's nominating convention. And the battle for their votes is now in full fury. On Wednesday, one of the most influential of these elite delegates, Senator Bill Bradley of New Jersey, endorsed Governor Michael S. Du-The Bradley announcement car-

Governor William A. O'Neill, en- The creation of the superdele- cause so many of them endorsed the 2,082 delegates needed for dorsed Mr. Dukakis, as did Repregates after the 1980 election was sentative Barbara B. Kennelly.

ment as a sign that the party s reading figures are ready to unite behind him as the clear leader and paigns are struggling to stop the trend toward Mr. Dukakis, and That is what happened in Connecticut on Tuesday, when the state's two leading Democrats, Senator Christopher J. Dodd and Governor William A O'Nation of the superdelegates say they also be some of the superdelegates say they also be party scales delegates, those draw-york ing up the party's rules sought to give active politicians more power in choosing the nominee.

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one in a series of moves by the Mr. Dodd was Irank in explain- Democrats to moderate the impact

party leaders delegates, those draw- York. Texas and Florida com-

former Vice President Walter F. nomination. Mondale early in the process. This Mr. Dodd was frank in explaining that it is endorsement had been of party reforms of the 1970s. The Paul G. Kirk Jr., the national chair-would have Mr. Dukakis emerge be the likely winner.

In numbers, the group is larger By automatically making top than the big delegations of New

pecially important this year if, as In the 1984 campaign the supernow seems likely, no candidate delegates had a limited impact be emerges from the primaries with

The Dukakis campaign offers a

staked his campaign on a strong party behind Mr. Dukakis. showing there. Then Mr. Dukakis

Finally, the governor would win the New York contest on April 19

The danger of this argument, said one influential Democrat who of Tennessee. After that, only Mr. Dukakis and the Reverend Jesse L. Jackson would be left. In a head-tohead fight with Mr. Jackson, the influence at the convention.

"We'll have a tough enough time would win the Wisconsin primary
April 5. eliminating Senator Paul
Simon of Illinois.

November as it is," Mr. Dodd
said in an interview, "and we don't
have to add to our difficulties" with an untidy convention.

> asked not to be identified, is that it looks to some Jackson supporters as a way of reducing Mr. Jackson's

National Committee who is being courted by all sides said that the Dukakis campaign had changed its message since Mr. Dukakis lost the Illinois primary. Mr. Dukakis is no longer the candidate of "inevitabilbut the candidate of order.

The Dukakis argument has clearwon some converts, but most of the elite delegates, especially those who are members of Congress, are still inclined to wait to see if Mr The real danger is if it looks like Dukakis can deliver the victories

Dukakis: Stolid Self-Reliance

An Immigrant Son Pursues Goals With Cool Doggedness

By Robert L. Turner

BOSTON — Critics have called Michael S. Dukakis non humorless, vague, cold and arrogant to be elected president of the United States. Some even say he's too

There is some basis in truth for each observation, but it is also true that Mr. Dukakis, 54, who is in his third term as governor of Massachusetts, has often made fools of opponents who underestimated him. Now, his presidential campaign, which he called "a very, very long shot" when he started out just a year ago, has chugged to the front of the Democratic pack. If it turns out that the nomination is to be won by a

brilliant or impassioned speech at the national convention in July, then Mr. Dukakis will probably not be the nominee. But if the prize of facing, presumably, Vice President George Bush in the November election ends up going to the candidate who has doggedly pursued and won the most delegates when the primary season ends on June 7, then Mr. Dukakis will very

likely be the winner. At the age of 17, he ran the Boston Marathon, finishing 57th in a field of 191, and throughout his finesting own in a treat of the land distance of the land distance he has valued the steady pace of the long-distance cunner over a strategy of dashes and leaps. Most of his political and policy achievements have been the result of clearly conceived goals pursued with dogged

> As presidential candidates go, he is short, at 5 feet 8 inches (1.74 meters), and has been known to stand on a three-inch (eight-centimeter), carpeted box when debating opponents. But he also has a strong television presence, which he began honing 17 years ago as moderator of a debate program on public television.
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> As for humor, Mr. Dukakis is virtually alone in denying the deliciency. His idea of campaign jocularity is accusing one of his fair-haired rivals, Representative Richard A. Gephardt, of "eyebrow envy."

> Vagueness is a charge that has stuck with Mr. Dukakis most of the past year, partly because of his refusal of give details of a proposal to cut the federal budget deficit, other than stricter enforcement of existing tax laws. However, elements of a national vision, including integrity and a promise of economic growth

> and opportunity, have clearly been communicated. Coldness and arrogance are also attributes that have been ascribed to Mr. Dukakis over the years, the result of what he seemed to feel was his own intellectual self-

sufficiency. He has often been labeled a "technocrat." Yet even his detractors acknowledge his leadership

ability and his quick grasp of issues.

Many of these qualities recall President Jimmy
Carter, and in fact the similarities are strong. A major
difference is that Mr. Dukakis was knocked off of his
self-sufficiency by a surprise defeat in 1978 for his party's renomination to the governorship, after his first term. Since then, he has taken a much more coalition-oriented approach to governing and

This coalition aspect of his presidential campaign is true to the man, at least as he has governed in his second and third terms. But it is a far cry from the way he started out, and from the personality that some

friends feel is still at his core. Born into a two-language family, his first words, according to his mother. Euterpe, were monos mou, by myself, in Greek.

This strong-willed, independent, self-contained quality has been apparent in Mr. Dukakis ever since, for good and for ill. As a teen-ager, he was a standout student at Brookline High School, just outside of Boston—the leading scholar, president of the Student Council and captain of the tennis team his senior year. Yet he spurned the informal social clubs that were a central part of life for most of his friends. He said they

were eliust and he didn't need them.

Robert Wool, president of that 1951 class and now a writer in New York, said, "It was very unusual. He had some very strong sense of who he was, what he was doing, what he had to do and accomplish. He wasn't driven the same way we were. We were peer-driven. Acceptance and popularity were so important to us— I think that's fairly normal at that age. But he listened to a different inner drummer.

This self-assurance, combined with dogged determination and a keen mind, carried him through Swarthmore College with highest honors, two years in the nothing short of desperate. It forced him to break a office on the faculty of the Kennedy School of Govmilitary (including service in Korea after the armistice) and Harvard Law School, where he graduated in 1960.

He found politics early. While still in law school, Mr. Dukakis ran for a seat on Brookline's redevelopover the Democratic Town Committee in Brookline in 1960. Two years later he won a seat in the state legislature. And in 1974 he won the governorship.
On arrival, he found an economic crisis that was



Governor Michael S. Dukakis, center, accepts endorsements Wednesday in Hartford from Connecticut's two leading Democrats, Governor William A. O'Neill, left, and Senator Christopher J. Dodd.

was compounded later when he allowed his relations

with legislative leaders to deteriorate. Mr. Dukakis acted as if he could govern almost ment authority, losing narrowly, then won a seat as a alone, but the response he got was a stunning dismissal town meeting member in 1959. He led a slate that took from office by the voters in the 1978 primary. He was routed by Edward King, a little known, conservative, business-oriented Democrat.

His wife, Kitty, said it was "like a public death,"

campaign pledge against raising taxes. His delay in confronting the deficit made matters worse, and this coalition politics. He mounted a coalition campaign that swept him back into office in 1982.

Among the themes Mr. Dukakis has developed in his national campaign is that of his immigrant roots. His parents were both from Greek families who emifrom office by the voters in the 1978 primary. He was grated to America while the children were in their teens. His father became a doctor and his mother a teacher. If elected, Mr. Dukakis would be the first His wife, Kitty, said it was "like a public death." president since Andrew Jackson whose parents were Mr. Dukakis spent most of his four years out of born outside of the United States.

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Dukakis Trade Switch Criticized by Gephardt

By Robin Toner Vew York Times Service

DETROIT — "There's no change," Governor Michael S. Dukakis protested as he pledged his support for tough new trade legisla-

Representative Richard A. Gephardt begged to differ. "He's been adamant that we don't need new legislation," said Mr. Gephardt, who has been assailed by Mr. Du-kakis as a protectionist from one end of the country to another. "I don't think he's going to fool people by coming in here on the 11th hour, five days before the Michigan primary, where trade is a paramount issue, and saying, 'Me

And so it was as Mr. Dukakis. the governor of Massachusetts. came forth with a reconstituted trade message this week. After months of asserting that the presi-dent has all the authority he needs to combat unfair trade practices, Mr. Dukakis began the final phase of his Michigan campaign by en-dorsing new legislation that calls for tougher sanctions on countries that impose unfair trade restric-

principal rival in Michigan's Dem- ca," he argued then. ocratic caucuses on Saturday, outraged. Gephardt aides asserted that they had paid the political price for their candidate's tough trade pos-ture in less friendly territory, like much of the South; they were not about to cede the issue to Mr. Du-

for Mr. Gephardt.

Mr. Dukakis's latest trade initia- islation as unworkable, protectiontive began last Saturday, when he ist and an invitation to a trade war.

signaled his support for an amend-ment to the trade package now before Congress. The amendment was formulated by Senators Don-ald W. Riegle Jr., a Michigan Demостат, and John C. Danforth, Missouri Republican.

And two days after Mr. Dukakivoiced support for the amendment, he was endorsed by Mr. Riegle. The senator said his decision was not based on Mr. Dukakis's support for his legislation, although it was mentioned prominently in Mr. Ricgle's statement of endorsement.

Mr. Dukakis and his staff asserted that there was no substantive change in his trade policy, and he produced a transcript of a debate in August to show he had earlier expressed support for the Riegle-Daniorth plan.

At that debate, after assailing Mr. Gephardt's trade proposal in the House of Representatives, Mr. Dukakis said, "I feel a lot better about the Senate bill."

But for the past several months. Mr. Dukakis's basic trade message. as articulated at the University of Illinois last week, was different. The shift left Mr. Gephardt, a an effective trade policy for Ameri-

Mr. Dukakis's philosophy on trade had contrasted sharply with that of Mr. Gephardt, who for months was his principal rival in the Democratic race. Mr. Gephardt has built his campaign around leg-islation he has sponsored that in most cases would require the presi-"We got whipped on that issue dent to retaliate against chiefly all across the South." said Donna Asian trade partners who had trade Brazile, deputy campaign manager surpluses with the United States. Mr. Dukakis had assailed that leg-

Expatriate Democrats Pick Uncommitted Slate

LONDON — Members of the for convention delegates. rules they initial J.S. Demogratic Party living over. In the balloting, mostly by mail, committed. nominating convention this sum-

Governor Michael S. Dukakis of

U.S. Democratic Party living overseas have selected a largely uncomthe main delegates were chosen. Each of the main will cast one-half vote at the the Democratic to extend the party of the party o mitted, while one is pledged to Mr.

Massachusetts picked up a fraction Americans are entitled to nine the Democratic Party Committee of a convention vote. He also won a nominating votes at the national Abroad, said Tuesday as the ballots convention. Another four dele- were counted.

ty's national presidential convention. Nine of those delegates tee each have a quarter of a vote at have declared themselves uncom-mitted, while one is pledged to Mr. "Of course we have an impact particularly if we're uncommitted,' Under party rules, expatriate Sally McNulty, the chairwoman of

energy program was not misused.

Taiwan has an active program for

producing nuclear energy and

ed to weapons.

rules they initially would be un-committed. 41.5 percent and the Reverend Jes-se L. Jackson 347 votes, or 14.5 Also, eight overseas members of percent, according to Democrats the Democratic National Commit-Abroad, the organizers of the bal-

> Andrew Sundberg, a business man living in Geneva who campaigns for expatriate benefits, won 304 votes, or 12.7 percent. Senator Paul Simon of Illinois received 248

Abroad, said Tuesday as the ballots votes, or 10.4 percent, and Governor Mario M. Cuorno of New York, who is not a candidate, 171

ATOM: U.S. Calls a Halt to Taiwan Plutonium Project TALKS:

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many nuclear scientists who carry out legitimate research. The administration has also intious optimism about the talks. They do seem to be making prosisted in recent years that Taiwan send its nuclear fuel from the re-search reactor to the United States to assure that none of the plutonium that normally accumulates in this type of reactor could be divert-The research reactor in Taiwan was a special concern because it is

reconciliation dialogue."

For every rebel who stops fightfrom it than with other designs used for research or power. A Ca-nadian-supplied reactor of similar nadian-supplied reactor of similar ing the government would release design was used by India to get a political prisoner. The govern-plutonium for its first atomic weap-

Officials said a Department of

According to nuclear experts, ic" reasons, according to an an offi- two key elements needed for an atomic weapon are plutonium and the specially designed explosives Preventing Taiwan from getting used to detonate an atomic chain the atomic bomb has been an in-

> U.S. analysts were therefore convinced that construction of the infrom the used fuel was a disturbing development. That view was confirmed when U.S. officials visited the site after receiving intelligence tives in a national dialogue.

Mr. Fitzwater expressed cau-

gress," he said, adding that it was "somewhat surprising" in view of previous actions by the Sandinists. The Sandinist proposal, outlined Tuesday by Victor Hugo Tinoco. the deputy foreign minister, calls for a truce of up to 90 days during which the contras would lay down easier to extract the phitonium their weapons and join a "national

> political prisoner Mr. Tinoco said that rebels who

put down their arms would be free from prosecution without applying for amnesty and could take part in Nicaraguan political life. The rebel proposal calls for a 45-

day cease-fire. It would provide for zones in which the estimated 10,000 contra guerrilias could gather while a permanent truce was

The primary election on Tuesday gates, each of whom will cast one-gave Democrats worldwide the half vote, will be picked later at a nonbinding part of the primary, votes, or 7.2 percent.

extract phytogram from the spent fuel of Taiwan's largest civilian research reactor was an attempt by Taiwan to keep open a nuclear op-tion, or a final decision by the polit-ical leadership to build a bomb.

But administration officials were alarmed by the development be-

cause it appeared to be a reprise of an incident in the mid-1970s when Taiwan built a laboratory to ex-U.S. officials insisted at the time that the laboratory be dismantled. and Taiwan agreed to a ban on research that could be used for

weapons development. Taiwan's private commitment to the United States thus went beyond the requirements of the Nuclear Mooproliferation Treaty, which obligates signing nations to submit all of their nuclear material to indemational inspection.

3 Ugandans Sentenced To Death for Treason

KAMPALA, Uganda — The High Court sentenced three persons to death for treason on ers, including a former Ugandan to stem the spread or nuclear weap-commerce minister, Evaristo one and in its approach in the re-cion The People's Republic of Chi-

Nyanzi.
The defendants were among 26 persons arrested in October 1986 in connection with an alleged plot to overthrow the government.

The disappearance of Colonel tored Taiwan's nuclear industry and have taken diplomatic steps to ensure that the large-scale nuclear Laboratories, has created a furor in Taiwan, and the local press has been filled with contradictory reports about suspicious nuclear activities that he may have disclosed

to the United States. In interviews published in Taiwan's press, senior Taiwanese officials denied that their country possesses or has any intention of building atomic weapons.

Asked specifically whether Taiwan had violated an understanding with the United States by begin-ning the installation, a Washington-based spokesman for Taiwan insisted that the country had not deviated from its "national policy" of using nuclear energy solely for peaceful purposes.

in a private letter about the closing of the reactor that was received Monday by the International Atomic Energy Agency, Taiwan Energy program to bring the used made no mention of the U.S. confuel from Taiwan to the United cerns. It said only that the reactor States is still in operation. was being shut down for "economcial at the agency.

Wednesday and acquitted four oth- portant element both in U.S. policy to stem the spread of nuclear weapgion. The People's Republic of China has said repeatedly that it would invade Taiwan if Taiwan deployed

U.S. officials have closely moni-

Hope in Sapoá

financing of subversion." Argentina and Colombia also have expressed concerns about the troop

The proposal calls for total amnesty, return of political exiles, full press freedoms, a suspension of the military draft during the truce and the inclusion of coatra representa-

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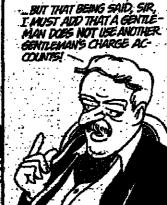


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By Bernadine Morris

PARIS - If fashion is indeed embarking on a sober straight and styles. narrow path for fall, Yves Saint Laurent will lead the way. The mas- suits with pants or skirts, versions ter of the classic mode, introducing of the men's smoking, which Saint his collection as usual on the last Laurent also popularized in the day of the week of showings, offered wearable clothes on his own rated with crystal drops taken

Except for hats, they were not propped up with zany accessories. es with corselet tops, best in lace Except for pants and some evening and chiffon, and bouffant dresses clothes, skirts were short, three to

PARIS FASHION

five inches above the knee. There

To call the styles classic is to do them a disservice. They were not suit worked for half a century. The dramatic. collection represented Saint Lau-

Pants, which the designer propelled into the contemporary wom-an's basic wardrobe 20 years ago, dominated the first part of the show, followed by short, skinny leather skirts and capes, also part of the Saint Laurent canon. Jersey tunics in mild colors, such as gray body, showing them in flannel, jer-over a black skirt, and sucde jackets sey and velvet. For day, pale knitover a black skirt, and suede jackets sey and velvet. For day, pale knitwith matching laces around the ted dresses bloused over the torso edges and outlining the seams, were and had snugly fitted skirts. other styles he has popularized in

The first big innovation was suits Wednesday afternoon with a show with inserts of different shapes and that had all the fervor of a revival colors outlined in black braid on meeting in his native Mississippi. the front. In wool, they were lively it began with gospel music and additions to the daytime scene, ended with a shower of red paper. They were instantly dubbed Monhearts and confetti, and the designdrian though they were more like er was crying as he took his bow. Braque or Picasso. The blocks of Not yet a member of the associacolor or panels were in irregular tion that controls the showings in This time, the clothes were short decorative patterns on his jersey shapes, not rectangles. In combinations of wool, taffeta, velvet and duced his clothes at La Cigale, a body. Tweed suits had flouncy on boots and gloves.

satin, they made festive evening suits. Pink, yellow and white were the colors combined in one of these

For evening, there were black past, and black velvet dresses decostraight from chandeliers. Other evening styles included short dresswith dipping hemlines that bared the knees in front and trailed to the floor in back, festive in black satin, velvet and tulle.

But Saint Laurent in top form was an occasional flash of scaring color, but most of the clothes were muted.

was represented by floor-length full skirts topped by matching long capes and satin blouses. Colors were beige, black, gray or white. There are few designers who can boring. They work, like the Chanel make such simple styles look so

Jacqueline de Ribes, known for rent's best ready-to-wear in several her glamorous evening clothes, de-seasons and it was notable that he cided to have some fun. She tried achieved his success in a quiet key. peekaboo effects in her collection Tuesday afternoon. A velvet diamond covered most of the bodice of a black dress. It was surrounded by sheer fabric. A sequin bra twinkled under a black chiffon blouse.

She also liked narrow dresses with zippers spiralling around the

Patrick Kelly's collection ended the week of fashion openings



nightclub in Pigalle. The atmo-sphere recalled the early days of ready-to-wear, in the 1970s, when the shows took place all over the city and it was never clear what would happen when you found

He made these mundane objects dominantly Armenian area in fashionable by massing them in Azerbaijan be joined to the Armedecorative patterns on his jersey nian Republic.

Food Scarce as Panama Strike Goes On

PANAMA CITY — Hungry families flocked to relief centers across Panama as food grew scarce in the third day of a general strike aimed at deposing General Manuel Antonio Noriega.

The military leader again rejected a U.S. call for him to go into

Panamanians by the tens of thousands stayed off their jobs and General Noriega's opponents hailed the success of the work stoppage. They vowed that it would continue until the general left. But General Noriega appeared

"I am a Panamanian, not a gringo," he said after meeting with a demonstrations were reported. small group of union supporters. "Let the world know we are lighting the ultimate battle for dignity and against colonialism."

unwilling to step down.

rificing the interests of the counthe dollars it uses as its currency.

["As Panama's crisis deepens, Noriega seems to be trying to hang on at any cost, particularly at the expense of the Panama Defense strike the latest in a series of walk-Forces," a State Department outs that began last summer to pro-

spokesman said.]

An estimated 90 percent of ofruption, food has grown scarce. fices and industries were shut by the strike on Tuesday. Most shops and stores were closed, public transportation was halted and many government employees did not go to work.

The United States is using eco-

nomic pressure against General Noriega, withholding payments for use of the Panama Canal and freez-The United States accused Gening Panamanian accounts in U.S. eral Noriega on Wednesday of sac-banks to starve the government of

try's military in an effort to stay in power, Reuters reported from Washington.

The government must meet several major payrolls by the end of the month, including that of the

15,000-strong National Defense Forces, which the general heads. Between the cash crunch and the test General Noriega's alleged cor-

Eric Arturo Delvalle, who was removed as president Feb. 26 after trying to dismiss General Noriega. appealed for international food aid

Combat troops patrolled the capital for the seventh day since a coup attempt against General Nor-iega on March 16. No incidents or days, were flocking to emergency whom have not eaten in five or six ternational reported. centers around the country. And port workers said they had run out of food for their union members. Embassy in Tripoli. but voted to stay on strike.

turned down an offer of exile in

On Monday, acting President Villalaz said.

Manuel Sous Palma passed on ar offer by General Nonega to resign before next year's presidential elec tions if the opposition would agree to a vaguely defined "national dia. logue." The opposition Civic Crusade spurned the proposal as an other maneuver by Nonega to gair

■ Libyan Offer Reported

In Washington, a Panamania air force pilot who ferried Cubar-supplied arms into the country sair on Tuesday he waited in vain or one flight for a \$50 million cast shipment from Libya to take to General Nonega, United Press In-

Major Augusto Villalaz said he waited in Havana on March 14 for the cash promised by the Cubar

"In the afternoon, we had at Last week, General Noriega order from the Ministry of Interior that it had no news of the money and to fly on to Panama," Maid

ARMENIA: Moscow Ignores Nationalists' Demands SUMMIT:

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professors, appeared on television at half-hour intervals reading short speeches telling the people they should be proud of what they had accomplished and not resume protests, according to a Westerner liv-

ing in Yerevan. A Yerevan radio broadcast reported that the Communist Party leadership in Armenia had warned against the Saturday protest meeting, saying it could lead to "impredictable consequences."

The resolution by the presidium of the Supreme Soviet, the executive committee of the nominal parsupposed to be takeoffs on Chanel. liament, did not specifically ad-lt looks as if the designer will do dress the merits of the Armenians' for billiard balls what he has al-demand that the Nagorno-Karaready done for buttons and bows. bakh Autonomous Region, a pre-

But the resolution strongly con-demned the effort by "self-styled

organizations" to pressure the government for territorial changes, calling such tactics "intolerable." heart attack after writing his telegram and was in serious condition in a Yerevan hospital.

The protests in February that drew huge throngs of Armenians into the streets of Yerevan and Ste-panekert, the capital of Nagorno-Karabakh, were peaceful, but they were followed by outbreaks of eth-

nic violence in Azerbaijan.

Protest organizers called a halt to the demonstrations until March 26 after Mr. Gorbachev said he was taking the territorial issue under

The Wednesday decree was foreshadowed by an article Monday in the party newspaper Pravda, attacking Armenian campaigners and their cause as "anti-socialist."

name was published by Pravda as and destruction against the Armeone of the authors, disavowed the nian minority in the city of Sumgaarticle in a telegram to his editor, it saying it had shamed him before

The Armenian campaign for unification with Nagorno-Karabakh began as a peaceful petition drive that collected 100,000 signatures out of a population of 140,000 in

the disputed territory. Nagomo-Karabakh region and the regional Communist Party Central Committee voted for reunification

with Armenia. Armenians in Yerevan and Nagorno-Karabakh staged huge but peaceful protests and stopped work in many Armenian factories in sub-

port of the demands. But after a clash in which two On Tuesday, Yuri Arakelyan, an Azerbaijanis died. Azerbaijanis Armenian correspondent whose staged a rampage of murder, rape

The resolution Wednesday inhis people. It was remarkable act of structed the federal prosecutor and defiance for a Communist Party interior ministry to "take every member in a visible position, and a necessary measure to insure pubic sign of the emotional hold of the order and protect the lawful interests of the population in the territo-Mr. Popoyan said Wednesday ry of the Azerbaijan and Armenian that Mr. Arakelyan had suffered a Soviet Socialist Republics."

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Reagan Trip Set

completed before Mr. Reagan

leaves office. The White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater, said Afghanister and Central America, as well as the Both the governing council of the prospective strategic arms treaty were among the topics discussed b

the foreign ministers. Entering talks with Mr. Shrit; on Wednesday morning, Mr. She vardnadze was asked if the Soviet would withdraw their troops from Afghanistan starting May 15, a previously announced by Mr. Gor bachev, even if negotiators in Ge

neva fail to reach an agreement. "We shall see," he replied in Russian. "It is better to have the document signed in Geneva. That is the better possibility."

■ Senate Rejects a Change The Senate Foreign Relations Committee defeated the first attempt by a conservative Republi can senator on Wednesday to change the U.S. Soviet treaty banning medium-range nuclear mis-siles. The Associated Press report-

ed from Washington. The committee voted, 12 to 3 against an amendment that would 🗽 . illow non-nuclear U.S. cruise mis long and up to three miles wide siles to be deployed in Europe. The amendment was introduced by Scharor Jesse Helms, Republicar of North Carolina, the chief oppo-

nent of the treaty. Tunisia and Libya.

Experts at a meeting on locust control in the Malian capital, Bamako, last week said the swarms

The treaty signed Dec. 8 by Mr. Reagan and Mr. Gorbachev bang missiles of ranges from 300 to 3,000 miles (500 to 5,000 kilometers). The

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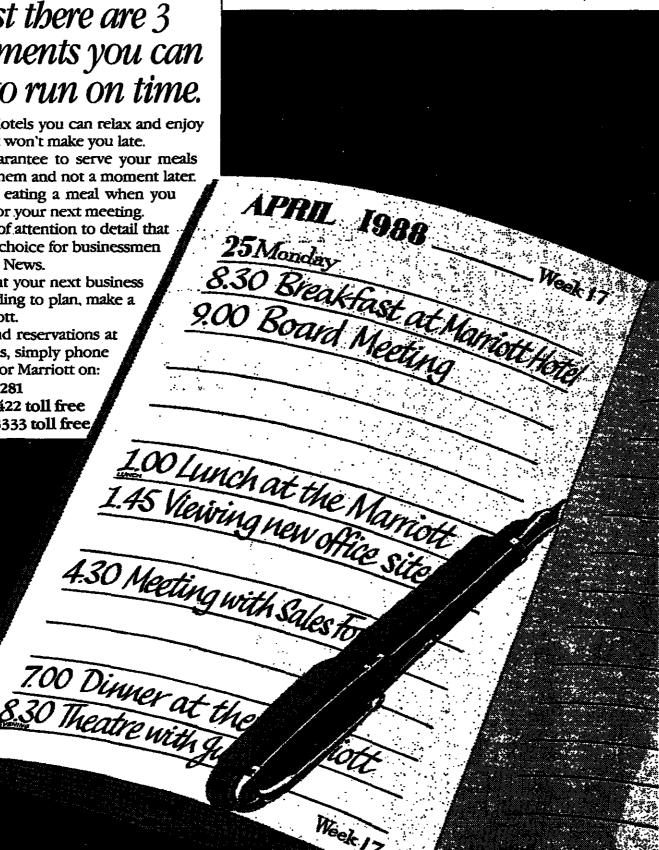
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NAIROBI - Huge swarms of have been seen in northern Maurilocusts are sweeping North and tania, the Western Sahara and

Saharan Locusts May Swarm South

West Africa in the worst plague of southern Algeria, the agency said. the pests for 30 years and they now Big swarms also threaten Morocco, threaten to spread south of the Sa-Tunisia and Libya.

could become alarming," a spokes—mako, last week said the swarms miles (500 to 5,000 kilometers). The man for the UN Food and Agricul—could move south, posing a new prohibition includes cruise misture Organization said in Rabat.

Swarms 20 miles (32 kilometers) Africa.

GULF: Iran Displays the Horror of Chemical Attack

(Continued from Page 1) Jordanian Army — one of Iraq's gas victims from Halabja, nine of forced to take such measures," said suppliers — were stacked in supply whom had subsequently died. the official, Kamal Khorazi, add- areas.

defend ourselves." Mr. Khorazi would not comment directly on reports from the Neth-erlands that Justice Ministry offi-of Halabja fled to nearby mouncials had seized a ship bound from tains, according to the handful of the United States to Iran carrying townspeople who have returned. 15,000 pounds of rocket fuel. The But many others died in the subsest to seize the ship was made

by U.S. officials. Artillery duels were still raging

Iran has estimated that 4,000 cito the north and south of Lake Dar

Vilians died in Halabja either from Bandi Khan when Western reporters traveled to Halabja under franian escort this week. Iraqi warplanes independently verified. roared overhead, and random artilA year ago, the population of
lery shells gouged small craters into
the adjoining fields as reporters
toured Halabja, Dojaila and the
tiny hamlet of Anap, where another
military authorities last May, redo bodies of civilian gas victims
had been heaped together on the
roadside.

The bodies of dozens of dead cialists treating Halabja survivors itonary Guards using a flotilla or large soldiers were strewn along the said the gas cloud contained a mix-small boats came up the lake an five miles of roadway between Ha-ture of mustard and cyanide gases. labja and Dojaila, where the heavi-

est fighting occurred last week. Officials of the Iranian Revolu-Officials of the Iranian Revolu-tionary Guards who were in charge of the offensive said they captured several hundred Iraqi tanks, artil-tissue. Some of the victims included several hundred Iraqi tanks, artil-issue. Some of the victims included lery pieces and thousands of sup-port vehicles, in addition to prison-who had just entered Halabja to

Burned or bombed out Iraqi tanks and trucks attested to the battle. Thousands of spent artillery shells cluttered roadside emplacements and boxes of spent ammuni-tion carrying markings from the Tehran, said he had admitted 152 sentences for rapists.

cil "in taking some, measures set in a lush green valley guarded are used to blunt Iranian assaults. against the use of chemical weap-ons" by Iraq.

by flanking snow-crested peaks are the quiet faces of the noncombat-Mr. Khorazi said that if the ant victims: four small girls in tra-"deathly silence" continued in re- ditional local dress laying like dissponse to Iran's protests to interna-tional organizations, "then maybe in Anap, two women cuddled in we will be forced to do that, to death by a flower garden, an old man in a turban clutching a baby

on a doorstep. Many of the Kurdish inhabitants quent and massive aerial bombing by Iraqi warplanes, they said.

gas poisoning or from the intensive bombing. This figure could not be

In Tehran, Iranian medical spe-

Hundreds of gas victims were evacuated to Tehran hospitals. accept the surrender of the Iraqi

garrison whose supply lines had been cut off during the fierce fourday battle that began March 15. Hamid Sohrabpour, an internist

In general, Iraqi officials no ing that it depended on the will of But the starkest and most grue- longer day using chemical weap Nevertheless, any independent 0 verification that Iran was responsible for the Halabja attack would have to examine the question of why Iraqi forces employed such weapons on the civilian population.

of Halabia after the battle for the city was over. At the time of the surrender is Halabja, the front lines of Iranian attackers had pushed well east of the city, deeper into Iraq, and Ha-labja was not being used by Iran as

a base to support its forces. The brutal assault on the town, if committed by Iraq, would tend to confirm other reports that Iraq has undertaken a systematic campaign to punish that part of the Kurdish population of northern Iraq that

has united to assist Iran. The surprise Iranian offensive was carried out in stages, according to Ali Shafii, one of the Revolutionary Guard commanders.

In the first stage, Mr. Shafii said, Kurdish guerrillas backed by Revolutionary Guards opened up with artillery. Simultaneously, Revolusmall boats came up the lake and stormed ashore behind the Iraqi forces that were facing the first wave of the attack.

Israeli Homosexuality Legal

United Press Internation JERUSALEM — The Israeli parliament, the Knesset, repealed on Tuesday a law dating to British Mandate-era Palestine and made homosexuality legal. In adopting package of sex and sex-crime laws. the Knesset also approved harsher

ASSESS: Iran and Iraq Battling for Political Gains

rallied to Baghdad's cause late last

speed, however, that lineup has bespeed, nowever, that metap has become blurred and ambiguous. Iran population and its need to bolster
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can diplomatic gains slip away, missile and aerial offensives, which has pursued tactics that have Western military experts say Baghblocked Western efforts to win Sodad is be better equipped to fight.

The Iraqi president has other surface-to-surface missiles. The

(Continued from Page 1) considerations, too, according to a servative Arab nations of the Gulf Western diplomat in the Gulf. The loss of momentum offered the prospect of a continued stalemate, With sometimes bewildering a situation that the with its larger benefiting Tehran with its larger a situation that Baghdad sees as

winter offensive, in part, according to Western diplomats in Baghdad, because it was not able to persuade enough Iranians to volunteer for the war.

And Iran foresteed and Iran foresteed the war. And Iraq, frustrated and fearful into reopening the "war of the cit-of seeing the momentum of its re- ies." The label refers to long-range

viet backing for an arms embargo. Iran launched three missiles into going to get away with stalling. against Tehran, specialists in the Baghdad, enabling Iraq to unleash Gulf region say.

its previously unused long range.

Iraqis say they build the missiles themselves, but Western military experts say they are Soviet-sup-plied Soud-B or SS-12 missiles with extended range.

"in a way the whole thing backfired," a Western diplomat said. because it enabled the Soviet Union to slip away from U.S. pressure to support an arms embargo against Tehran as a punishment for failing to accept the UN peace plan, which was presented in Sep-

international community." Arab diplomat said. They wanted to make sure that Iran was not Since Feb. 29, Iraq has launched

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Alcohol-Breast Cancer Studies Differ

DAYTONA BEACH, Florida (NYT) — A study of 7,000 women has found no association between alcohol consumption and breast cancer. The finding stands in sharp contrast to one last year that linked as little as a few drinks a week to an increased risk of breast cancer and led some experts to encourage women to curb their drinking.

"We found no increased risk of breast cancer with alcohol use," said

Dr. Susan Chu of the federal Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta. She also noted that scientists have not discovered a biological mechanism by which alcohol might affect the breast tissue to produce malignancy. She said the contradictory findings of the studies on breast cancer and alcohol suggest that it is too soon to make any recommendations about drinking.
"If we make too many recommendations, the danger is that people will stop taking us seriously," she said.

There is a major uncertainty here," said Dr. Walter Willett of the Harvard University School of Public Health. In a previous study, Dr. Willett and his colleagues questioned 89,538 nurses and found that those who drank one to two drinks a day increased their chance of developing breast cancer from about 7 percent to about 11 percent. The American Cancer Society recommends that women drink moderately if they choose to drink, and has never said that they should stop drinking entirely.

Astronomers Start Scan of Milky Way

NEW YORK (NYT) — Astronomers have begun the most detailed search ever of the Milky Way, looking for remnants of supernova stellar explosions. The search, using the world's most powerful radio telescope,

Astronomers from the University of California, Davis, and Columbia University will use the Very Large Array (V.L.A.) in southern New Mexico. The telescope consists of 27 large dish antennas that move on tracks over a region about 20 miles (32 kilometers) wide. Radio signals collected by the dishes are combined by computer to produce digital images of distant radio-emitting stars and other objects.

Astrophysicists are particularly interested in radio observations of the glavy because radio waves, unlike visible light, can travel more or less

galaxy, because radio waves, unlike visible light, can travel more or less unobstructed through clouds of dust and gas. Scientists predict that the project will record the positions of hundreds of thousands of radio-emitting objects in the Milky Way's core and spiral arms.

Did Dinosaurs Care for Their Young?

BOZEMAN, Montana (WP) - An analysis of 75- to 80-million-yearold dinosaur embryos found in Montana supports the controversial view that at least some species of the ancient beasts exercised parental care. The embryos of one of the species (Maiasaura peeblesorum) had bones that had not yet developed sufficiently at the ends to enable the hatch-lings to walk. The difference between these embryos and others that had well-developed bones is evidence that the parents of one species must have cared for their young, according to John R. Horner, a dinosaur specialist at the Museum of the Rockies.

The question of parental care of dinosaur young was raised after Mr. Horner found the remains of baby dinosaurs in nestlike clusters. Traditionalists have resisted the idea because it seemed to conflict with the long-held view of dinosaurs as sluggish, dull-witted brutes comparable to

Mr. Horner's claims are more in keeping with the revisionist assertion of recent years that dinosaurs were very different from their cold-blooded reptilian ancestors and much more like warm-blooded birds, which are

Bacteria Used to Remove Oil in Rock

CANBERRA, Australia (Reuters) - Cocktails of bacteria, sand and water kept in an oven in an Australian laboratory may hold the key to adding billions of barrels to world oil reserves. The mixture is used in experiments that represent a major advance in attempts to extract large quantities of oil left behind by conventional recovery techniques, Australian scientists said. The bacteria produce a detergent-like substance that breaks the tension and frees the oil from the rock.

Worldwide, only about a third of the oil known to be in wells can be recovered. The problem is that oil is not found in huge underground

lakes, but is instead trapped as droplets in capillaries of rock reservoirs. Scientists have been trying for several years to overcome the problem by harnessing bacteria that occur naturally in oil wells.

Research into the so-called Microbiological Enhanced Oil Recovery is also continuing in Canada, China, Romania, the Soviet Union and the ligited States. The Australians believe their research is about of the United States. The Australians believe their research is ahead of the their methods are commercially viable. They plan to start field tests in April at the Alton oil well in the Surat Basin in the eastern state of Queensland. Their method will cost less than

The Secrets Of a Mummy Unwrapped

By Barry James. ronal Herald Tribunc

PARIS — The most complete and the most scientific attempt so far to penetrate the mysterious world of the mummies is recounted in a new book by two French scien-

Why did the ancient Egyptians employ this means of preserving the dead? What was the ritual? How did they accomplish it technically? What materials did they em-ploy? What lessons does it hold for

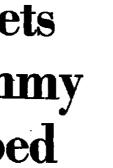
In their book, "A Corpse for Eternity — Autopsy of a Mummy," Jean-Claude Goyon, an Egyptologist at the University of Lyon, and Patrice Josset, a pathologist in Paris, tell how they joined with other scientists in an attempt to find the answers to these and many other questions.

Mummies have suffered all sorts of indignities through history. Until recently they were dissected at public amopsies in Egypt, un-wound for macabre thrills at Victorian fairgrounds, ground into powder for use as an ingredient in medicine and alchemy in the Middle Ages, and even crushed into

But never before has a mummy been so intensively examined, usentific techniques, including a CT anoint and embalm the body. (computer tomography) scanner, mass spectrograph, gas chromato-graph and electron microscope,

It was also believed to be the first features. time such an investigation has been chaeologists — in all, more than a score of scientists.

A television film of the autopsy tion's most significant finds.



will be shown in France in coming

According to the two authors, the autopsy had to overcome two major obstacles. One was the total lack of information from Egyptian sources about the way bodies were mummified. The other was the "almost total incoherence" of modern writing about the subject. "No one agreed about the procedure, the duration, the modalities, or even more curiously, the purpose" of mummi-fication, they said. For their purpose, the research-

ers used one of several mummies in the collection of the Guimet Muse-um of Natural History in Lyon. Somewhere on a journey from Thebes in upper Egypt that began 2,500 years ago, it had become detached from its casket and sarcophagus, and was thus undistinguished either on aesthetic or scientific grounds. As Dr. Josset said, the ornate funerary caskets readily find buyers, "but not everyone wants one of these in the living room."

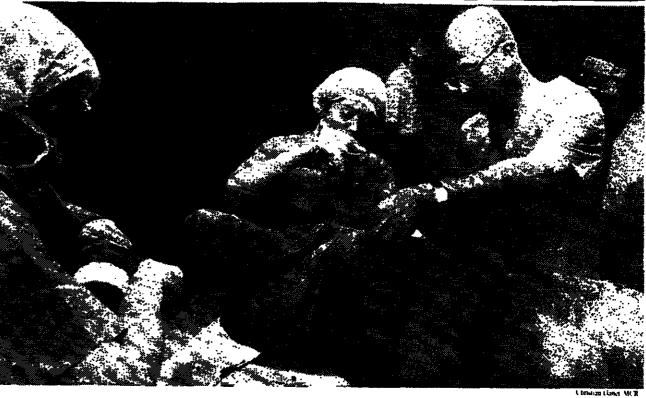
For several intense days the researchers carefully unwrapped the mummy's linen bands to allow Dr Josset to perform an autopsy that he said was not markedly different from his everyday work as a hospital pathologist. As he cut through the thorax, he said, his saw released the fresh, resinous odor of the uning the full panoply of modern sci-known plants and herbs used to

> The mummy turned out to be that of a man aged about 40, largely intact, with clearly defined facial

Pulling out books on Egyptian performed simultaneously by an ships, Mediterranean plants and interdisciplinary team of medical ancient hieroglyphics, Dr. Josset, whose interest in the history of medecine led to his passion for Egyptology, explained two of investiga-







Ancient Egyptian funeral ritual (top), and the recent delicate removal of a mummy's bandages

fied by fabrics experts of the Musee lissus in Lyon as being probably a half section of a sail, complete with a cordage ring. If so, it is the oldest sail known to exist.

Second, Dr. Josset discovered a vase containing a petrified ball of skin, apparently the mummy's within the thorax. He said both discoveries appear to shed new light on ancient Egyptian rites and could help in deciphering hieroglyphics describing the mummification ceremony.

A sail, for example, could have symbolized a good wind into the after-life, he said, while the skin possibly represented rebirth. It may have derived from the ancient custom of wearing the skin of an animal, as hercules was supposed to have worn a lion's skin, in order to acquire its qualities.

Through chemical analysis, the scientists identified ingredients of the acidic resin the Egyptians employed as an embalming fluid, including labdanum, a fragrant oleo-resin derived from Mediterranean rockroses and still used in perfumery. They have succeeded in producing a sample of the thick brown

The team is now trying to reprocoated onto mummies to preserve flesh "into eternity,

once removed from the dry envi-

ronment of the Egyptian desert. The substances used by the an- and I cient Egyptians obviously had re- sleep. markable antiseptic and fungicidal qualities, and what is good for a mummy may also prove good for. living human beings.

The autopsy was only the start of a long period of research and reflection. Dr. Josset said. It could take a couple of years or more to fully analyze the results.

According to Dr. Josset, one misconception is that mummification was available only for the very rich or those of royal blood. "It was a ritual for all social classes," he said, just like a funeral is today," with different categories of mummification for different social classes.

The essential thing is that the process began very quickly after death. Decay was prevented by the use of a caustic substance called natron and by dessication in the dry desert heat, to which was added the preserving effect of the various unguents used by the priest-em-balmers. According to Diodorus of Sicily, a historian of the first centumummies were often so "lifee" that they were sometimes kept duce the tarlike resin the Egyptians in the family dwelling for many

generations. The unknown Theban of the au-Whether these substances will topsy probably did not belong to

First, the body was wrapped in a bave any practical use remains to the priesthood or the aristocracy, large piece of linen canvas identible seen, Dr. Josset said. At the least but neither was he from a poor be seen, Dr. Josset said. At the least but neither was he from a poor they may help in preserving mum-mies that fall prey to fungal attack collection of the Lyon museum. family. He lies now in the reserve Eventually, Dr. Josset said, he will

be wrapped up again in fresh linen and left to continue his eternal

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Cure Elusive, but AIDS Virus Is Better Understood nal fluids," said Dr. Jay Levy of other possible path for the sexual released if the macrophage itself is San Francisco General Hospital. spread of the virus is through Lan-killed.

By Gina Kolata Ven York Times Service

S CIENTISTS may be a long way from finding a cure for AIDS. but they are getting to know the AIDS virus in extraordinary detail.

macrophages, as the immune near the surface of the penis. "It system's scavenger cells, are well-has been well shown that Langer-suit, scientists are approaching a consensus about how the virus enters the body and descrees it." As a result, scientists are approaching a consensus about how the virus enters the body and descrees it." ters the body and destroys its defenses, causing acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

The AIDS virus, one of the most difficult viruses to study, is better known than virtually any other human virus, said Dr. Dani Bolognesi of Duke University.

However, experts say the more they learn about what is more formally known as the human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV, the more discouraged they are about the prospects for rapidly finding a care or vaccine.

Until recently, scientists thought that the AIDS virus, like many others, was transmitted as a virus particle in blood, semen or vaginal fluid. This explanation seemed adeluate for transmission through blood, in which many virus parti-

cles are present. The seemingly frequent passage of the virus to the receptive partner in anal intercourse might be explained as a consequence of skin of the virus as a consequence of skin of the virus to the receptive partner cental cells of AIDS patients, and rectal cells of AIDS patients, and one amajor reservoir," Dr. Gallo Dr. Martin Hirsch and colleagues are a major reservoir," Dr. Gallo Dr. Martin Hirsch and colleagues are a major reservoir, "Dr. Gallo Dr. Martin Hirsch and colleagues are a major reservoir," Dr. Gallo Dr. Martin Hirsch and colleagues are a major reservoir, "Dr. Gallo Dr. Martin Hirsch and colleagues are a major reservoir," Dr. Gallo Dr. Martin Hirsch and colleagues are a major reservoir, "Dr. Gallo Dr. Martin Hirsch and colleagues are a major reservoir," Dr. Gallo Dr. Martin Hirsch and colleagues are a major reservoir, "Dr. Gallo Dr. Martin Hirsch and colleagues are a major reservoir," Dr. Gallo Dr. Martin Hirsch and colleagues are a major reservoir, "Dr. Gallo Dr. Martin Hirsch and colleagues are a major reservoir," Dr. Gallo Dr. Martin Hirsch and colleagues are a major reservoir, "Dr. Gallo Dr. Martin Hirsch and colleagues are a major reservoir," Dr. Gallo Dr. Martin Hirsch and colleagues are a major reservoir, "Dr. Gallo Dr. Martin Hirsch and colleagues are a major reservoir," Dr. Gallo Dr. Martin Hirsch and colleagues are a major reservoir, "Dr. Gallo Dr. Martin Hirsch and colleagues are a major reservoir," Dr. Gallo Dr. Martin Hirsch and colleagues are a major reservoir, "Dr. Gallo Dr. Martin Hirsch and colleagues are a major reservoir," Dr. Gallo Dr. Martin Hirsch and colleagues are a major reservoir, "Dr. Gallo Dr. Martin Hirsch and Colleagues are a major reservoir," Dr. Gallo Dr. Martin Hirsch and Colleagues are a major reservoir, "Dr. Gallo Dr. Martin Hirsch and Colleagues are a major reservoir, "Dr. Gallo Dr. Martin Hirsch and Colleagues are a major reservoir, "Dr. Gallo Dr. Martin Hirsch and Colleagues are a major reservoir, "Dr. Gallo Dr. Martin Hirsch and Colleagues are a major reservoir, "Dr. Gallo Dr. Martin Hirsch and " tearing that sometimes occurs, giv-But transmission to the other partamount of virus in semen and vagi-

San Francisco General Hospital. Recently, however, researchers have found that the main source of fluid is not free virus particles, but

Scientists are approaching a consensus about how the virus enters the body and destroys its defenses, causing acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

had no idea that macrophages were so seriously involved," said Dr. David Baltimore of the Massachusetts

brain cells are thought to be a form of macrophage, Dr. Gallo said.

Finally, macrophages appear to

These findings mean the virus ner and heterosexual transmission can infect partners in anal or vagi- sacs inside the macrophage and is in both directions were harder to nal intercourse without any breaks invisible to the immune system, he understand. "There is a very low or tears in the skin, Dr. Levy said. The virus can go from these Many experts suspect that an- sacs to other cells, or it can be

spread of the virus is through a gerhans cells, other immune system cells. They closely resemble macro-shapes but are at the surface of feetly normal to the immune system a vaccine would not protect AIDS virus in semen and vaginal phages but are at the surface of

> genital mucosa." activate the body's defenses upon being signaled by macrophages that have engulfed invading viruses or bacteria. The macrophages could pass the AIDS virus to the Tcells, setting the stage for the de-

struction of the immune system. Investigators, including Dr Robert Gallo of the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Maryland, also have preliminary evidence that macrophages transmit the AIDS virus to the brain, where it infects microglial cells. These

Institute of Technology.

Dr. Levy and his colleagues recently isolated the AIDS virus from rectal cells of AIDS rationic and the AI

at Harvard Medical School recent- release the virus, but macrophage ing the virus direct access to blood. ly found the virus in cervical cells. can release the virus and not die." The AIDS virus resides in special

against them. And, if killing infected macrophages releases the AIDS virus, then even the selective destruction of these cells would not defeat the disease.

portion of infected cells causes the York, which means that they could The macrophage clue is particu- demise of so many others. Now larly tantalizing. Other cells of the they have several answers, all of immune system. T-cells, normally which seem correct, they say.

> responding to a new disease threat.
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> These studies indicate that the bioUntil recently These studies indicate that the biochemical signal to a T-cell to start pothesis was cell fusion. The idea

and destroy the T-cell.

The relation between T-cell activation and AIDS-virus release may cast a pall over attempts to treat AIDS patients by boosting their immune systems with drugs such as interferon. The immune system boosters activate T-cells, said Dr. Until recently, scientists were at a loss to explain how a small proversity School of Medicine in New cause the virus to be spread from

infected cells. which seem correct, they say.

One is particularly unpleasant.

Many studies suggest that the dormant AIDS virus becomes active

Still, experts believe that more is going on than simply the spread of virus among T-cells. They reason that too few T-cells are infected to and multiplies when the body is account for the destruction of the

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of the immune system instead proteins on their surfaces that causes the AIDS virus to replicate made other T-cells stick like iron filings to a magnet. The resulting mass of cells were unable to function and so were eliminated by the body's immune system.

The fusion hypothesis is being supplanted by another proposal that experts say is compelling: that viral proteins released by HIV-infected T-cells stick to healthy Tcells and lead to their destruction. Dr. Bolognesi noted that an in-fected T-cell throws off fragments

of viral proteins. The proteins bind to the surfaces of healthy T-cells, coating them. "They stick like Velcro." Dr. Bo-

lognesi said. Antibodies the body has made in an attempt to fight the infection then bind to the the viral proteins, signaling the immune system to destroy the healthy cells.

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ly expected to cut back economic growth and perhaps create recession. Five to change their labor force as circummonths later, governments preen themselves on the slump's failure to arrive. It is early to tell; it can take time for business and consumers to adjust spending to loss of wealth. Still, there could be an element of self-sustaining prophecy here. Reviving confidence can breed on itself.

Growth remains largely confined to Japan, the United States and Britain. Commental Europe is adding little. Even before Black Monday, prospects for most EC countries were poor. Their apparent resilience to the crash may only prevent a disappointing performance from worsening. West Germany boasts that the latest forecasts show its economy growing by 1.75 instead of 1.5 percent this year. You have to be trading on fine margins to draw much comfort from that.

Pinpointing Europe's responsibilities, the OECD now urges a renaissance of coordinated action. It seeks to steer next June's economic summit into convergent steps to stimulate growth and employment, after a decade that has seen too little of both. But instead of stirring the sluggards to more expansionary budget and monetary policies, which are currently judged impracticable, it asks govern-

October's stock market crash was wide- ments to weed out counterproductive protection — limits on the ability of firms stances change, rent controls that discourage workers from moving to new iobs, restraints on competition in air and surface transport, to name but a few.

Fine in principle — this sort of deregulation could do much to stimulate growth - but hard to bring off. The lobbies, what Bentham called the sinister interests, have political muscle, and most democratic governments hesitate to offend them. Nor is it evident that the economic drag that the Federal Republic still exerts on Europe and the world at large would be quickly reversed. Why should Bonn, with its domestic political troubles, be able to challenge pressure groups faster than other capitals? Even if it did, would the resulting higher efficiency of the economy serve to reduce, rather than bolster, the big trade surplus with the United States and the rest of Europe?

We wish the OECD well in its effort to get growth going again through supply-side action. If the world economy is to become less sluggish and better balanced. traditional action, especially in the budgetary sphere, may still be needed, but this is unlikely to be possible this year. INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE.

OPINION _____

Tell the Powers to Halt the Iran-Iraq War

P ARIS — The dispatch of U.S. and European warships to the Gulf was eventually organized into an effective operation despite the sloppy start. "It worked," says Admiral Pierre Lacoste, former head of France's secret service, "and because it worked you don't hear that it is working.

That is true in the sense that the oil is flowing unimpeded, to the point that the price has fallen again. But the war goes on, now in its eighth year. The modest efforts of a largely indifferent world to stop the carnage have not worked at all.

Iran has not launched its expected winter hu man-wave offensive, apparently because the supply of candidates for martyrdom is getting harder to mobilize. Iraq has not been able to retake the Faw peninsula. So now, to keep up the momentum and their people's willingness to fight, they are iles into each other's capitals. The Iraqis are using Soviet missiles. The Irani-

ans are using Chinese and other weapons. In the last two weeks, since a brief cease-fire broke down, they have exchanged more than 200 missiles, and stocks don't seem to be running out. In the north, Iranian-sponsored Kurds seized territory from the Iraqi army, which responded with large-scale chemical warfare. Iran will not give up its goal of toppling the Iraqi regime. Iraq keeps trying new ways of making things worse so that outside powers will force Iran to quit. Now the Chinese are ready to sell long-range

missiles to Saudi Arabia. The theory is to deter possible missile attacks by Iran by showing that Saudi Arabia has the capacity to retaliate. But they are not theoretical missiles; they are real ones that can go anywhere in the Middle East. The five permanent members of the Security Council managed to agree on a resolution calling

By Flora Lewis

for an end to the war, but they cannot agree on stopping the provision of arms that keep it going. They act as if it were really not that important, as long as mostly Iraqis and Iranians are being killed. The death of a few neutral sailors now and then is accepted as part of the situation.

Despite the flurry of concern over Gulf shipping last year, the war has not really spread and the superpower relation has not been noticeably tilted. So nobody is making a big issue of this continued outrage. Even the Arab countries and the Gulf Cooperation Council have muted their protests. And where are the indignant demonstrators who denounce violence and intervention in the assorted parts of the world that happen to catch their interest? The fran-Iraq war is not a conve-

nient case for those who are always sure they know whose hat is white and whose is black. Iraq did start the war in the wake of the Iranian revolution. It was a terrible, tragic mistake. Now it



By MOIR in The Sidney Morning Hesald, CAW Syndicate

wants out with a return to the status quo ante, but

it cannot impose its wish. Nor can it win.

A victory for revolutionary Iran would be a disaster for the region, probably for the whole Islamic world, with impact on all the powers. So the bloody impasse is allowed to continue because the powers cannot bring themselves to put effective pressure on both sides.

Presumably. Soviet reluctance to agree to an arms embargo on Iran is a long-range hedge in bopes of exerting future influence on Tehran, and also the result of a current worry lest Iran, with two million Afghan refugees, make Soviet plans for withdrawal from Afghanistan more difficult. China has come around to saying it would go along with an embargo if everybody else did, but it is evidently counting on Soviet refusal.

The rest of the world seems to calculate that

letting the war grind on is less of a risk than the political cost of sanctions. But the dead and the aimed do not suffer less for lack of outsiders cheering on a cause. The critical cause here is to stop the slaughter. It is time for the public to raise its voice, for religious, political, intellectual leaders to insist that governments cast aside their uncer-tain calculations and block the arms supplies.

The United Nations was never expected to be able to impose peace in disputes between big powers. But it is now showing itself paralyzed and incompetent at ending a fight between Third World countries essentially outside the East-West axis. There are many issues to be taken up in the new context of Soviet-American talks, and they are affected by international opinion. A demand to put an end to this ceaseless, absurd war should be higher on the list.

The New York Times.

Fair to Foreign Money

Foreign investors have put half a trillion dollars into America in three years. Congress thinks that it ought to exercise closer control of this surge in foreign ownership. But it is pursuing the wrong remedies. Two provisions on foreign investment are wrapped into the trade bill, and both are undesirable.

Taken together, they tell foreign investors that they are not welcome -a message to which people with money are usually sensitive. The United States cannot afford to send foreigners away as long as its re-quirements for capital outrun its own savings by more than \$150 billion a year. Foreign money is now filling that gap. If the foreigners took their money elsewhere, the first effect would be a sudden capital shortage in America, with a drastic rise in interest rates. The second would be a recession.

One of these investment provisions would require increased disclosure by foreigners who buy companies, large amounts of stock or real estate. The trouble with this proposal is that it is discriminatory. It would require foreign owners to lay out on the public record much information of value to their competitors, but it would not require similar disclosure by American investors. It would also be retroactive, applying to past invest-ments as well as to those in the future.

requirements if they bear equally on everyone. Foreigners sometimes grumble about the things they have to tell the Securities and Exchange Commission, which is much more demanding than counterparts in most other countries. But the SEC rules apply to foreign and domestic companies alike.

Another provision in the same bill is aimed at takeovers of American companies by outsiders and would have the Commerce Department make a judgment of the investment's effect on "national security, essen-tial commerce and economic welfare." The president could then veto the deal. The administration argues that this kind of language is not needed, since the president already has plenty of authority to protect national security. As for essential commerce and economic welfare, those terms are a bit vague and sound like an invitation to harassment of buyers from abroad. Not all takeovers are desirable but again, the same rules ought to apply to everybody.

The conference committee on the trade bill has done a lot of fine work in the past month, but there are still provisions in the bill that would be deeply harmful. These two, in their present form, would justify a veto.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Latin Ups and Downs

hard for headline writers.

Item: Last week General Manuel Antonio Noriega, pressed by Washington, seemed to be packing his bags for exile in if the administration will heed it, has been Spain; now the Panamanian military leader stocks weapons and vows defiance.

Item: On Sunday President José Napoleón Duarte, on whom Washington has lavished praise and millions for a demo-cratic El Salvador, was whipped badly by the right-wing opposition in a fair vote for local and legislative offices.

The image is irresistible: The United States as a Sisyphus, pushing a big rock up a mountain only to see it roll down again. But that is because North Americans tend to focus on their own Sisyphean efforts, not on the terrain of Central America itself. It is easy to forget that the countries of the isthmus have their own traditions and agendas. These societies cannot be transformed by Washington. But the United States is not Sisyphus and it does have influence. The problem is that North Americans are unmindful of the limitations and eager for instant solutions. They

readily confuse setbacks with catastrophe. Item: Only last Thursday, Nicaraguan troops crossed the Honduran border, prompting President Reagan to dispatch troops. This week. Sandinists and contras discussed extending their cease-fire.
For seven years the Reagan administra-

tion has tried to impose a solution on Nicaragua by launching a proxy war. This was not only wrong but unattainable. Yet the unintended by-product was a made-in-Central America peace plan that for the first time brings about direct talks on Nic-

araguan soil between sworn enemies. In Panama, a general once glorified as a true ally now finds himself under indict-

The Central American isthmus makes life ment for drug dealing. There is more bravado than conviction in his attempts to depict himself as an honest nationalist up against the effectiveness of nonmilitary pressure.

In El Salvador, there is little doubt that hopes for decency and a centrist solution have been jolted. President Duarte's Christian Democrats were beaten in a free election by ARENA, the right-wing Nationalist Republican Alliance, extremist in origin and associated with the death squads. But Mr. Duarte's failure does not invalidate the policy of trying to help the democratic center; it underscores the difficulties.

While the Duarte failure shows the limits of U.S. power, Washington is not without influence in El Salvador. It was, after all, Congress's reluctance to grant military aid to a country terrorized by death squads that cleared the way for Mr. Duarte's return to power in a free vote in 1984. Before that vote, Vice President George Bush flew to San Salvador to warn the military that American opinion would not tolerate death squad killings. The carnage abated, evi-

dence that pressure can be crucial. That experience should not be lost on the triumphant rightists and their leader, Roberto d'Aubuisson. It is true that North Americans overestimated Mr. Duarte's ability to control an army that now numbers 50,000. He was less its commander than its captive, and was unable to punish a single officer for human rights abuses. But there is not a major U.S. presidential candidate who would remain silent if death squads reappeared. Washington cannot determine El Salvador's fate but is right to use what leverage it has to keep that particular rock from rolling back.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Other Comment

Indonesia Needs Fresh Air

Haif of Indonesia's cabinet was replaced this week at the start of President Suharto's fifth and probably final five-year term. But there is not a lot in the reshuffle to suggest that a much needed breath of fresh liberal air is about to sweep through Southeast Asia's largest country. The economy needs help from a freer and more competitive force against change, his legacy to the environment. The fact is that Indonesia has a per capita income below that of the Phil-

ippines. The most important of President Suharto's achievements has been to create a stable, multiethnic nation. Against a worldwide trend, the attractions of Islamic fundamentalism have not taken great hold. If President Suharto can use his military backing to help him begin a general shift toward greater personal, political and economic freedom rather than as a nation will be all the more valuable.

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Northern Ireland: More of the Same, Then War?

By William Pfaff

PARIS—It is possible to think of at least four things that could happen to poor Ulster. The first is Britain's withdrawal from Northern Ireland, tribal Catholics and tribal Protestants then falling upon one another in civil war. War between the two communities,

acting out those hatreds which promurders at a Catholic cemetery and the lynching of two British soldiers last week, could eventually draw in the Catholic South, however reluctant the Republic might be. It is not a possibility to be dismissed. British public patience with Ulster is stretched thin. There are

many British who would think it good riddance to quit Ulster. The Labor Party left is committed to withdrawal, and Labor eventually will return to power in Westminster. There is a second possibility. It has no chance of occurring but is instruc-

tive to consider in the light of what probably will be done. It is to solve the problem for good, on nonlethal terms, by transporting the Ulster Protestant population elsewhere and handing the northern six counties over to the Republic. Ulster's Protestants descend from a

Scottish and English colonial popula-tion, brought to Ireland in the early 17th century to be "planted" — in the expression of the time — on lands confiscated from the native Irish by England in reaction to a series of Irish uprisings. Hence the hatred of the Irish for the Ulster Protestants and for England, and the reciprocal hatred and fear of the Protestants for the Catholics who — all of Ireland taken into account, and not just Ulster potentially could submerge them.

The Irish have fought the English since the 12th century. The Ulster Protestants' rigamarole of Orange Order parades and celebrations of the Battle of the Boyne flaunt the defeat of England's Catholic pretend-er, James II, with his Irish and French allies, by the Protestant William of Orange in 1690. Nobody in

Ireland has forgotten anything.

Transport a million Protestants back across the sea? Is this Modest Proposition thinkable? In principle, why not? Modern history gives plenty of precedents. Tens of millions of people were driven from their homes in Central and Factor in Central and Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union in World War II and during the political settlements which followed. Australia was populated by people who did not ask to go there. The Arab population of Pales-tine was compelled to make way for the establishment of Israel in 1948.

WASHINGTON — As James McKay, the special prosecutor, continues investigating the

Iraqi pipeline affair, Congress seems poised to gut the very anti-bribery law that Attorney General

Edwin Meese allegedly ignored.

Buried in the pending trade bill are provisions that drastically

weaken the Foreign Corrupt Prac-tices Act, the 1977 law prohibiting corporate bribery of foreign offi-

cials, which was passed after major scandals. If a House-Senate con-

ference committee approves the provisions, this statute will be left

Foreign bribery by American

corporations is central to the pipe-

line affair. E. Robert Wallach, a

friend and adviser of Mr. Meese,

egedly took no action about the

proposed payment aimed at pre-

to foreign payoffs is consistent with

the Reagan administration's seven-

and necessary anti-corruption law.

The act resulted not from gooey

idealism but from bitter foreign policy experience. The original law

was passed after business bribery so

pervasive that the former head of the Securities and Exchange Com-

mission, Ray Garrett Jr., called it

"the corporate Watergate."

more loophole than law.

Ulster's Protestants could be indemnified handsomely. Those American Irish who give so generously to the IRA to buy arms and explosives could give their money now to the better cause of buying the Protestants new homes and businesses in Scotland or Canada or Australia.

But, of course, this is nonsense. It will not be done. They wouldn't go. It is possible, though, that one day those concerned will wish they had. A third possibility for Ulster is that London becomes more serious than it presently appears to be about the Anglo-Irish agreement signed in 1985 by Margaret Thatcher and the then prime minister of Ireiand, Garret FitzGerald. That agreement and the expanded cross-border cooperation it launched made a substantial contribution to Catholic confidence in British evenhandedness, producing improved police and political cooperation between the Republic and the authorities in the North:

and Protestants in the North might yet, one day, deal with one another with some measure of tolerance, share out the jobs and resources of the community, and isolate and neu-tralize extremists on both sides. Since Mr. FitzGerald was replaced by Charles Haughey, of whom Mrs.

Thatcher seems to think poorly, much of the good done by the agree-ment has faded. A series of episodes involving shot IRA terrorists, shot suspects and, apparently, shot by-standers, together with the treatment given those who did the shooting, have contributed once again to a Catholic perception that British jus-tion takes revealed seriously only when tice takes murder seriously only when the victims are Protestant. A final possibility is for London to

change nothing pretend that the problems of Ulster are merely those of terrorism and the rule of law, and

cal initiatives. This is what the Protestant Unionists as well as a large part of the Conservative electorate in The agreement made it slightly more easily imaginable that Catholics Britain would prefer. They are hostile to the Anglo-Irish agreement as an infringement of Britain's sovereignty. They want no concessions to the Catholic community or the Republic. Nonaction can be defended with

the argument that the IRA is not going to win this struggle so long as Britain is determined to stay in Ulster. It may be defended on grounds that the attempt to change things risks making them worse. England's troubles with Ireland have existed for 700 years. There is nothing strange in concluding that they are not likely to end now, and that Britain can wait. On the other hand this may not be true. It might be that for Ulster time is running out. The patient hatreds of the

two communities may be indefatizable; the patience of the British public may not be. In that case we could be left with scenario one - civil war.

it) to keep Algeria an integral part of France. It ultimately failed. Given what the French liked to call their

civilizing mission, in North Africa the

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Protect the Law-Abiding People in the Middle

N O society, however civilized, is the special burden of occupying the immune to occasional outbreaks of savagery at the margins — For all the differences, however, or to official evasion when savagery is parallels and precedents spring to suspected. Britain, with the special mind One is Algeria. Between 1954

Back to Tolerated Business Bribes?

By Michael Waldman

committed suicide after his compa-

ny paid bribes to the Honduran

government. An investigation re-vealed that at least 450 U.S. corpo-

rations paid hundreds of millions of

dollars in bribes abroad in the

1960s and early '70s.
Italy's Christian Democratic

Party was tarred by links to Exxon. So was Crown Prince Bernhard of

the Netherlands for dealings with

Lockheed. Most spectacularly, it

Payments could be

'reasonable,' based

on local custom.

paid off by Lockheed. The revela-tion led to his resignation and sub-

tightening accounting standards and forbidding corporations to pay

be used for a bribe. The law has

reduced bribery overseas without unduly burdening exporters. A 1981 congressional survey of

250 companies showed that the

law had little or no effect on their

business abroad. Honest Ameri-

can companies were freed to com-

sequent criminal conviction.

sent him a memo describing a proposed payoff to the Israeli Labor Party by Bruce Rappaport, a foreign agent employed by Bechtel, the pipeline contractor. Mr. Messe allegadily took no action better that

proposed payment announce wenting an attack on the pipeline (which was never built). His inaction was shocking; yet, insensitivity

So Congress unanumously passess a law making it illegal for companies to pay bribes abroad, greatly making it illegal for companies to pay bribes abroad, greatly accounting standards.

year campaign against an effective agents if the corporations had "rea-and necessary anti-corruption law. son to know" that the funds would

The scandal came to light when the chairman of United Brands product, not the amount of their

burden of policing Northern Ire-land's ancient sectarian enmities, dif-fers fundamentally from Israel, with peace, historian Alistair Horne called

Margaret Thatcher on 'These People'

THERE seem to be no depths to which these people will not sink.

— Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, speaking last Saturday after the lynching in Belfast that day of two British soldiers. They had encountered a funeral cortege for a man killed by a loyalist terrorist during the burial three days before of three IRA members killed by British soldiers in Gibraltar.

For a New Input of Political Energy

I T HAS become dreadfully fashionable to talk of Northern Ireland in terms of "the long war," as though both communities were doomed to some eternal conflict. Within the province, where people are exhausted by the daily violence and trapped by their tribal loyalties, this is perhaps understandable. But as an articulation of considered political opinion in Britain, it is alarming. Certainly it is widely believed in Belfast that Mrs. Thatcher has grown weary of a problem to which she was once prepared to devote considerable energy.

Because the Anglo-Irish Agreement has not brought peace in Northern Ireland, it is tempting to say that it has failed. This is not so, but what it desperately needs is a new input of political energy and skill to move it forward. If the government really believes that no political progress is possible, that it can do nothing to improve the situation in Northern Ireland, perhaps it should begin to question why it is there at all.

- Mary Holland in The Observer (Landon).

payoff. But the Reagan adminis-tration and its allies have long sought to defang the law. They inserted into the trade bill

language proposed by Senator John Chafee, Republican of Rhode Is-land. The House has passed similar legislation. The Senate bill would

weaken the law. Payments would be deemed acceptable if "reasonable" and based on "local custom." That would have allowed corporations to

sink to the level of "custom" in the shah's Iran and Ferdinand Mar-cos's Philippines. The worst change would eliminate the "reason to know" standard for bribes paid by

agents. A company would be liable only if it explicitly or implicitly di-

rected or authorized the payment.

ration desperately wants a big con-tract. It hires a middleman known

for bribery, pays him money up front and writes: "We want this

contract. Don't pay any bribes, of course. But get the job done." A week later he cables, "Send more money." The firm, asking no questions, sends the cash. It gets the contract. Under the Senate bill, the

company would not be liable.

If the Foreign Corrupt Practices

Act is rolled back, lawmakers will

be hard pressed to explain why they shredded the anti-bribery statute

just as it figured in a major scandal.

Worse, they will retroactively con-

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Public Citizen's Congress Watch, a

consumer group. He contributed this

comment to The New York Times.

done the attorney general's appar-

ent tolerance of foreign payoffs.

Consider this scenario. A corpo-

striking anomaly was the resort to torture. This, as Mr. Home notes, was the gangrene that spread from Algeria to metropolitan France and began to rot the fabric of French politics. The three situations are very differ-

ent, but there is a common thread. It is the intense strain that the task of keeping order, in any extreme situation, can exert on the very fabric of civility. I never expected to see pictures of Israeli soldiers deliberately and methodically smashing the arms and shoulders of prisoners with fist-sized rocks. Nor did I expect to hear of a British government suppressing a re-port on police misbehavior on grounds of national security. But then France, a quarter century ago, never expected to learn that her army was betraying its ideals of martial honor with occasional episodes of torture.

The story, of course, never ends with the temptations or the first offi-cial evasions. It ends with the response, the test that really matters. Charles de Gaulle, saving France from herself for the second time, had the character (and guile) to stop the war and the spread of gangrene from it. The commotion in London over the suppression of the Stalker report may suffice to ensure that the police excesses in Northern Ireland are stopped. The Israeli soldiers who broke the prisoners' bones are under arrest and on their way to trial. None of this means that Britain

has easy choices in Northern Ireland. Running away from the sectarian conflict in Ulster has never been a responsible option, appealing as it must seem from the perspective of Westminster. The IRA thugs on the one side and, on the other, Ian Paisley and his Protestant fanatics deserve to be left to one another's mercies without police interference. But of course the law-abiding people in the middle. Protestant and Catholic, do not. - Edwin M. Yoder Jr.

Washington Post Writers Group.

Will Finish The Race

By James Reston WASHINGTON - At helf W in the presidential noming race, the most significant fact is the moderates are the winners their more extreme brethren the lo All the candidates who the they had simple remedies for complicated problems of Ame with the exception of Jesse Jack have dropped behind or dropped And Mr. Jackson wants to redisute the wealth of the country, w

is not a very popular notion.

Richard Gephardt of Misse with his quick fix of populism protectionism, bashing the foreig and the big corporations, could be saved, even by the unions. Kemp of New York, calling sig with his squeaky voice and procking the glories of "star wars" supply-side economics, fell by wayside. The muscular Al Haig fering guns instead of butter; the star wars the star wars and him to be saved to be supply-side economics. Hart, proposing fun and his ideas. Bruce Babbitt, counting the radical remedy of common a — all have been losers.

So we are left with George B Bob Dole, Michael Dukakis and Bob Dole, Michael Dukaks and bert Gore — all intelligent, praga and dull. Maybe after borrowing way to "prosperity" and dreamin conquering "the evil empire" space, that is what the country ne

Even before the campaigning, "confrontationists" — led by Ca-Weinberger, Jeane Kirkpatrick,] rick Buchanan and Richard Pen jumped ship as Ronald Reagan at doned his fight to change the bala of the Supreme Court, compromi with the Soviet Union on redu nuclear weapons and wobbled t toward the center.

This same flight from ideal seems apparent in the rest of

The odds are running against the Democrat

world. President François Mittern of France, facing an election, longer sounds like the socialist tr bador of yore. Socialists in Brit and West Germany are moving ward the middle. The Soviet Un and China are actually fiddling v capitalist remedies for their spe

cular conomic failures.

At this point, Mr. Bush is the clear winner. He has been more lat to Mr. Reagan than to hims and he has more foreign experie than all the other candidates or bined. But somehow, with his milless smile, he has not put Yale a Texas together, and leaves the pression that maybe he is just a gibush leaguer who might not be a to hit in the majors. Meanwhile the Democrats k

blundering. Never since Frank Roosevelt ran against Herbert Hver and the Depression have they l such a chance to run against so me deficits, scandals and foreign pol failures. But they have spent n

the year cutting each other up.

They have lost four of the last f
presidential elections. Mr. Reag
with the guidance of Attorney Gen al Edwin Meese, has appointed ? judges to the federal district and i peals courts, almost half the life-te judges sitting on the bench. If Republicans win in November, whi is the prospect, the chances are the conservatives will dominate the spreme Court into the next century Maybe the Democrats will begin think about this after the shouting over at the nominating convention But there is no evidence so far th they have calculated the odds, whi are now running against them.

It is just possible, that the 6 "superdelegates" from the ranks
the Democratic representatives, sen tors and governors will compel t convention to break a deadlock at New York in from the wings. The Paying Lotton 5 43 15 pros know the character and possibilities of the remaining candidates are in the best position to know with can win in November and unity at govern the country; but so far th":-

are merely dreading the worst.

That is all right with Mr. Bush. I is a good man in a bad job and mig. run a strong campaign if liberate from Mr. Reagan's coattails. Il main things he has to fear are the commit recession man displace. economic recession, more disclosure from the Iran-contra scandals at running against Mr. Cuomo.

However it all comes out, the on look is for a moderate president with the state of the state running against Mr. Cuomo.

will not have the ability to fool the people so much in the next four year It won't be very exciting, but it # probably make more sense. The New York Times.

100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1888: Soldiers' Pensions

'48 Revolution. A hundred and fortyfour of these interesting people have put in claims for money assistance, and seventy have been pacified. The and seventy have occu pacinicit. The other seventy-four are, according to M. de Laubespin, rogues and criminals. M. Léon Regnault objected to the proposed "glorification of illegality." But the House was against him, and, by 135 to 114, the bill was voted.

1913: Belgians to Strike BRUSSELS — After a lengthy dis-cussion today [March 23], the Belgian Socialist Congress decided to call a Socialist Congress decided to call a general strike on April 14 in favor of the principle of one man one vote, which the Government and the Catholic majority has so far affective to the congress of the principle of the congress of the con

was obtained. This threatened strilis looked upon here as one of it. PARIS — The Senate spent three merry hours [on March 23] discussing a bill for the allotment of pensions to the heroes who were wounded in the even lead to much bloodshed.

1938: Battle in China

23] as 200,000 troops sought to the Japanese advance south for Shanghai along the Tientsin-Pulo Shanghai along the Strategic just Railroad toward the strategic just Railroad toward the strategic just tion at Suchow. The Japanese S their two columns closing in on S. chow from the north and south at . . . now 114 miles apart. Casualties both sides ran into thousands. olic majority has so far refused to with hand grenades rather than for grant. The Congress decided that the treat, when their commander strike should last until the reform himself after being wounded.

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OPINION

For Democrats, Economics **Would Mean Bad Politics**

By George F. Will

the way most people do physical exercise. with joyless earnestness. But Jesse Jackson uses words with exuberance, as when he says that when he is president he will end "economic brutality."

His noun is hyperbolic because its pur-

pose is to breathe life into the adjective. Democrats are having trouble figuring out how to deplore economic conditions in this record-setting 65th month of expansion. Their language reflects not only uneasiness about some of Ronald Reagan's successes, but also a failure of nerve about addressing his failures.

When politicians employ verbal concoctions like "economic brutality" they do so because it is awkward to use more mundane words like "inflation" and "memployment" (now at an eight-year low) to denote what they are complaining about. Both inflation and unemployment have, in the 1980s, confounded conventional wisdom by declining sub-

stantially simultaneously.

So the emerging Democratic theme is that the economy's surface gloss conceals the, well, brutalizing fact that the jobs created (14 million since 1980) are some-how degrading and the wealth being cre-ated is being allocated inequitably. Thus, Michael Dukakis sees a descent toward "an America where all we do is flip each other's hamburgers and take in each other's dry cleaning for \$3.35 an hour."

However, the annual report of the Council of Economic Advisers says that between 1982 (granted, near the trough of a deep recession) and 1987, jobs increased by 2.7 percent a year, and substantially better than that for blacks (4.7), Hispanies (6.8) and black teenagers (8.2). The unemployment rate fell 5 percentage points for all civilians and even more for Hispanics (7.1), blacks (8) and black teen-agers (16.1).

But, Democrais say, the new jobs are low-pay, low-status, dead-end "hamburger flipping" jobs. Now, disregarding the unpleasant Democratic disdain for certain jobs and the Democratic condescension toward those who fill them (many retirees who are tired of their rocking chairs are flipping hamburgers - have

How a Democrat Can Win

T O succeed, the Democratic nominee must convince people that he will not try to make America strong by paving workers low wages; that he will stop the export of high-paying jobs to foreign countries where workers make little money under inhumane conditions. The can-didate who fights for Americans' economic future by committing himself to policies that advocate American economic interests conveys strength, patriotism and a genuine concern for the nation. The Democratic nominee must take this message to the voters if he is to win.

- Ethel Klein in The New York Times.

WASHINGTON — Most Democrat-ic presidential candidates speak alds? — and more power to them), the alds? - and more power to them), the facts according to the CEA are:

Half the new jobs pay more than \$20,000. Management and administrative jobs grew especially fast — by 21 percent — in this period. The slowest growth was in unskilled jobs such as retail sales, janitorial services and — you want lettuce and tomato on your burger. Governor

Dukakis? — food processing.

Well. say determined critics, many of
the new jobs are not real, meaning fulltime. Actually, 90 percent are full-time, and 80 percent of all part-time workers do not want to work full-time.

Why then, ask skeptics, are living standards falling? They are not. The real median family income rose by 9 percent between 1981 and 1986, with blacks doing better (15.5) than other groups.

But surely America's manufacturing muscle has atrophied? Wrong again. For two decades the GNP share of manufacturing has been stable, and manufacturing has risen faster than GNP in recent years. Manufacturing output rose by 4.2 percent in 1987, twice the 1986 rate.

And things were never as grim as they often were painted. Between 1970 and 1984, manufacturing output rose by 53 percent, not far behind the growth of the services sector (62). Employment rose faster in services, but that is partly because of more good news: Productivity per worker rose much faster in manufac-

turing than in services. (There are dark spots. Governor Dukakis's Massachusetts has lost 11.4 per-cent of its manufacturing jobs since 1984, 41 percent of all the manufacturing jobs lost nationally.)

Granted, the gap between rich and poor has widened a bit. Granted, one reason median family income rose by 20 percent from 1970 to 1986 is the huge crease in two-earner families. Still, families are, as the Congressional Budget Office attests, "markedly better off." So what should Democrats be saying?

Less about hamburger flipping, for starters. Instead they should say that the good times have been bought at a terrible price that has yet to be paid; that the hyper-Keynesian stimulus of Mr. Reagan's defis amounts to eating our seed cont.

Politically, the problem is that the country enjoys eating that corn. In all but one year of this decade, personal consumption has increased more than production and income. In this decade the personal savings rate (raising it was the supply-siders' goal) has declined substantially from what was already the worst level in the industrial world.

The logic of all this dictates a tax increase targeted at consumption. That is no fun, so Democrats will continue talking about hamburger flipping and "eco-nomic brutality," rather than risk telling truths that would, they fear, provoke the electorate to political brutality.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Still 'a Hiroshima Every Two Days' in the Third World

The decision of the International Mon-tion of whole populations at the pleasure etary Fund and the World Bank praised by your editorial, "A New Realism on Debt" (March 5), looks to me like more of the same disastrous prescriptions that Susan George described in the book "A Fate Worse Than Debt." Such decisions have brought about among the world's poor — in her unforgettable phrase —

a Hiroshima every two days."

This is no cold war but the extermina-

of economic ideologues and "hardnosed" bankers who, until recently at least, have reaped huge profits from inter-est payments and from redeposits of flight capital by the generals and other entrepreneurs who steal it in the Third World. As the editorial says, capital in-deed "goes where it feels safest." ROBERT D. CROWLEY.

tial block of potential voters will slip through their forecasts.

cent of every state's voters - live abroad

and vote by absentee ballot. California

and Texas together have more than a

quarter of a million citizens living abroad. Candidates cannot afford to

alienate their overseas constituents. In

As the number of Americans living

WILLIAM ALI MILLS,

Executive Director.

Republicans Abroad. Washington.

1984, more than two million votes were cast from abroad for the Republican

sive role in the November election.

their overseas constituencies.

Looking for the X Team

Regarding "U.S. Spy Hunters Are Stalking Israel's 'Mr. X'" (Feb. 20):

Amid the reawakened interest in the

Jonathan Jay Pollard spy case, I would

suggest that the U.S. Justice Depart-

Five million Americans

Portland, Oregon.

More of King François

President François Mitterrand, speaking Tuesday on television, claimed be a champion of democracy. But should any man be president of France for 14 years? The more I see of the French system, the more it looks to me like an elective monarchy.

A. DANIELSSON. Villennes-sur-Seine, France.

Unjust Deserts Elsewhere

The French political thinker Joseph de Maistre said that "every nation has the government it deserves." The chilling thing is that when Americans come up with a Nixon or a Reagan, the rest of us get stuck with him, too, strategically and economically at least. America's might means that a politician bred and elected in the United States can have harrowing effects on Cambodian peasants, Libyan schoolchildren and other living things.

RODERICK MILLER.

Constituents Abroad

While poll takers, politicians and analysts ponder numbers in an effort to Bob Woodward and Washington Post reporters and to musical accompaniment. anticipate voting intentions, a substan- on the right path but barking up the

wrong tree in their search for "Mr. X." There is probably a whole "X Team" of Americans working under unofficial U.S. directives to help offset a policy of reduced intelligence assistance to Israel forced by Saudi Arabian pressure. The Team would have been assigned to let the Israelis know what they did not know so that they could ask Mr. Pollard to supply it to them. The official "hands-off" policy was thus preserved, and the Saudis placated, while Israel continued to receive vital information.

In this light we can understand why Caspar Weinberger, then defense secre-tary, lunged for Mr. Pollard's judicial jugular: The story, if revealed in entirety, could have had the Saudis once again cutting off U.S. oil supplies. The truth not only would reveal the U.S. govern-ment as perfidious to the Saudis but would turn Mr. Pollard into some kind of national hero for the Israelis.

H. de la GHOUE. Ploubalay, France.

ticket. Overseas voters could play a deci-A Dance Around the World On Feb. I you reported that a pasoverseas continues to grow, so will the senger jet had broken the round-the-world speed record. But to qualify as a mpact of the absentee ballot. Candidates must wake up to the importance of

round-the-world trip, a journey (by air or sea) should pass into both hemispheres and cross the equator twice. A Seattle-Athens-Taipei-Seattle route is entirely in the Northern Hemisphere, and does not cross the equator. If you allow such a trip to be a round-

the-world trip, then I ask you to consider the helicopter flight by Dick Smith to the North Pole. On arriving, he placed an Australian flag on the Pole and danced around it, singing, "Advance, Australia Fair." By your theory, he has walked, nay danced, around the world in five seconds,

BRIAN PRINGLE.

Where Bards Used to Sing, **Professors Now Hold Class**

By Gore Vidal

OS ANGELES — In the beginning archies. In fact, the French, who read there was the spoken word. The first narrations concerned the doings of ed to political experiment that they have gods and kings, and these stories were exuberantly produced one directory. passed on from generation to genera-tion, usually as verse in order to make rations of the monarchy and five repubmemorizing easier. Then, mysteriously, in the 5th century B.C. all the narratives were written down and literature began. From Greece to Persia to India to China

MEANWHILE

there was a great controversy. Could a narrative be possessed that had been committed to writing rather than to mem-ory? Traditionalists said no; modernists said ves. The traditionalists lost.

Now, 2.500 years later, there is a similar crisis. Modernists believe that any form of narration and of learning can be transmitted through audio-visual means rather than through the now traditional written word. In this controversy I am, for once, a conservative the point of furious reaction.

In any case, we are now obliged to ask radical questions. What is the point to writing things down other than to give directions on how to operate a machine? Why tell stories about gods and kings or even men and women?

Very early, the idea of fame - eternal - afflicted the human race. But fame for the individual was less intense at the beginning than for one's tribe. Thucydides is often read as a sort of biographer of Pericles when, indeed, he was writing the biography, to misuse the word, of their city. Athens.

For more than two millennia, from Homer to Aeschylus to Dante to Shakespeare to Tolstoy, the great line of litera-ture has concerned itself with gods, heroes, kings, in conflict with one unother and with inexorable fate. Simultaneously, all 'round each story, whether it be that of Prometheus or of a Plantagenet prince, there is a people who need fire from heaven or land beyond the sea. "Of arms and of the man. I sing," means just that. Of the people then and now, of the hero then and his image now, as reated or recreated by the poet.

From the beginning, the bard, the poet, the writer was a most high priest to his people, the custodian of common memory, the interpreter of history, the voice of their current yearnings.

All this stopped in the last two centuries when the rulers decided to teach the workers to read and write so that they could handle machinery. Traditionalists thought this a dangerous experiment. If the common people knew too much, might they not overthrow their masters? But the modernists won, And, in due course, the people, proud-literate, overthrew their masters.

mericans got rid of the English while the French and the Russians - ardent readers - shredded their ancient monlies. That is what happens when you take writing too senously.

Happily, Americans have never liked reading all that much. Politically ignorant, they keep sputtering along in their old Model T. looking wishfully every four years for a good mechanic.

Along with political change — the result of general literacy and the printing press - the nature of narrative began to fragment. High literature con-cerned itself, most democratically, with the doings of common folk. Although a George Eliot or a Thomas Hardy could make art out of these simple domestic tales, in most hands crude mirrors of life tend to be duller than Dumus, say, and, paradoxically, less popular.

Today's serious novel is upt to be a carefully written teacherly text about people who teach school and write teacherly texts to dwindling classes.

Today's popular novel — carelessly, recklessly composed on or by a machine — paradoxically has taken over the heroes and kings and gods, placing them in modern designer clothes amonest consumer dreams beyond the dreams of Scheherazade.

This is a strange reversal. The best writers tend to write, in a highly minimal way, of the simple and the dull, while the worst give us whirlwind tours of the I mean home — of Atreus. ripping every skeleton from the closet and throwing back every sheet.

The fact that this kind of bad writing popular is not because the reading public, an endangered minority, cher-ishes bad writing for its own sake but because the good writers fail to interest them. As a result, everything is so totally out of whack that the high academic bureaucrats have dropped literature. with some relief, and replaced it with literary theory, something that one needs no talent to whip up.

As a result, in 20 years, enrollment in American English departments has fallen 60 percent. Writers and writing no longer matter much anywhere in freedom's land. Mr. Emerson, he dead. Writers are just entertainers, and not all that entertaining. either. We have lost the traditional ev-

plainer, examiner, prophet.

The universities have established hegemony over every aspect of literature except the ability to make any. They have come to believe that a serious novelist deals only with what he knows, and since the educational system is what it is, he is not apt to know much about anything.

The writer's latest novel, "Lincoln," is being dramatized on American television next week. This is excerpted from an essay in the Los Angeles Times.

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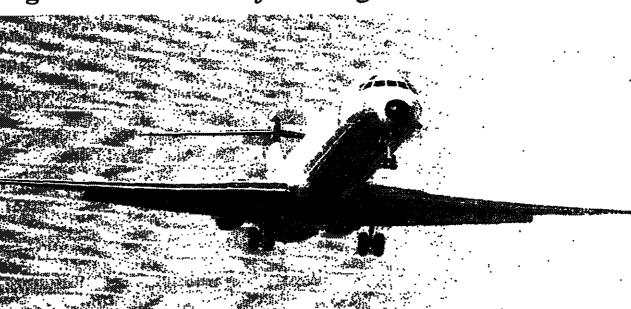
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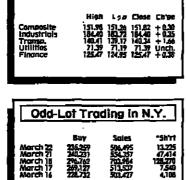
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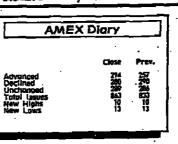
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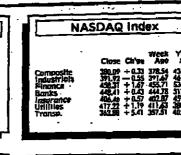
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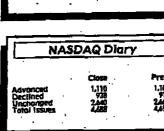
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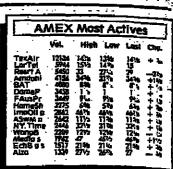
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NYSE Rises in Modest Trading

The Dow Jones industrial average, which slipped 0.99 point on Tuesday, rose 1.49 points

Advances led declines 9 to 6, while volume rose to 167.37 million shares, up from 142

million on Tuesday. "What we have here, and have had in the last several days, is a market that doesn't want to go in either direction," said Harry Miller, a portfolio analyst with Johnson, Lane, Space, Smith &

Co. in Atlanta.
"We are at a point where you would think window dressing would be taking place." Mr. Miller said, referring to portfolio adjustments ahead of the quarter's end. "But the only activity is speculative or in takeover plays."

Broader indicators also gained slightly. The

New York Stock Exchange composite index vised 4.8 percent in the fourth quarter. Both rose 0.30 point to 151.82. Standard & Poor's reports were in line with Wall Street expectations.

The price of an average share added 6 cents.

On the NYSE, Navistar was the most active

market to withstand higher interest rate pres-

"The market is taking a breather from the advance of the past two and a half months," mors.

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Said Rao Chalasani, market strategist with Pressent WORK — Prices on the New York cott, Ball & Turben Inc. in Cleveland. "With Stock Exchange closed slightly higher Wednesday in moderate trading as takeover activity dominated a market stalled by lack of interest out of line."

Mr. Chalasani said takeover stocks have been supporting the market during the current pause in equity trading and weakness in bond prices. "However, the positive fundamentals under-

pinning this market will eventually win out," he said. "We must take into account the portfolio considerations as the quarter comes to an end. Nobody is going to sell in a quarter that is showing a net gain. The decline we are seeing will be short-lived. The advance-decline ratio is bardly negative."

In economic news Wednesday, the Labor Department reported that inflation at the retail level rose 0.2 percent in February.

In a separate report, the Commerce Department said the nation's economy grew at a re-

Despite the market's pause, Mr. Miller remained optimistic about the near term.

"This market appears to me not to want to go down," he said. "Earnings should be better than previous estimates, and that should allow the stock pumped more than 14 points Tuesday after American Stores launched a \$45-a-share takeover bid. American Stores was up 1 to 59%.

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INTERNATIONAL MANAGER

One Aim of U.K. Budget Is to Reward Performance

By SHERRY BUCHANAN

TONDON - International managers in London cracked open the champagne last week after Nigel Lawson, the British chancellor of the Exchequer, announced a cut in the top income tax rate from 60 percent to 40 percent. The lower tax rate is the latest in a series of efforts by the Thatcher government to encourage companies to reward execu-

tives according to performance. Rewards for performance are supposed to link the good forumes of executives to those of their companies. In principle, those rewards yield more benefits for the economy than automatc perquisites, better known as perks, such as the company car or

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the company-paid membership in the country club. Perks are unrelated to performance and therefore do nothing to

promote business growth.
"With the tax cut, performance-related reward will obviously be strengthened," said ligel Dyckhoff, a consultant

with Spencer Stuart, the London compensation specialists. "The trend will continue toward

fewer benefits in kind," or perks, he said.

Recognizing that linking pay to performance is a way of motivating executives, the British government liberalized its tax rules in 1984 to make stock option plans more attractive. The French made a similar move in 1986. Under the new British tax rule, stock option plans and long-term cash incentives will be

taxed equally.

International compensation experts, who advise companies on how to calibrate salaries, benefits and pensions most effectively. expect British companies to start experimenting with long-term tesh bonus plans to motivate their top executives. - Compensation experts argue that three to five-year cash bonus

plans are one of the best ways to motivate managers and, at the same time, promote strategic business goals.

"Executives who get annual bonuses tend to win the race but kill the horse," said Laurent Dufetel, a consultant with the Hay

ONY VERNON-HARCOURT, a partner of Monk Publications in London, publishers of the executive pay surveys, said, "The danger of the one-year bonus is that top executives can too easily manipulate one-year results by cutting advertising costs, or not spending as much as they should on research and development. Anybody can achieve good results over one year. over one year, but what companies need are people at the top who have an incentive to take a longer-term view.

Long-term bonuses, which are not necessarily tied to the stock price, tend to reward individual performance. Stock options and the stock price reflect the fortunes of the entire company, not necessarily the performance of any individual.

"Stock options are more of a lottery," said Brian Brooks, a consultant with Towers Perrin of New York, which specializes in

Towers Perrin, however, does not expect long-term cash bonus plans to increase as dramatically in Britain as stock options plans did following the introduction of more favorable tax treatment in 1984. In the firm's 1987 survey of the Times of London's "Times Top 100" companies, all of the companies studied had stock option plans, compared to 35 percent in 1983.

"Most companies perceive stock option plans as almost a free way to hand out incentives," said Mr. Brooks of Towers Perrin, whereas long-term cash bonuses make the board feel nervous because they are expensive."

Under current accounting practices, stock options are not charged to earnings whereas cash bonuses are, he said, adding, "Old habits die hard."

Thrift Will Turn Into Bank

Abbey of Britain Plans Share Offer

By Warren Getler

LONDON - Britain's second largest savings and loan. Abbey National Building Society, said Wednesday that it planned a major share flotation within two years, a pioneering move that would make it Britain's sixth-largest commer-

The flotation is expected to raise about £2 billion (\$3.66 billion), one of the largest British share offerings in recent years. Analysts said the change, the first to be announced by a British building society, reflects the growing councerition in flects the growing competition in British financial services between the societies and commercial

The government recently freed building societies to offer a range of financial services beyond their traditional savings and home loan businesses. However, they are still prevented from competing on equal terms with banks.

For example, current law limits the amount they can raise on wholesale money markets, restricts unsecured lending and insists that their main business remain savings and home loans.

In a move to sidestep these restrictions. Abbey announced that its board had decided to recommend to the society's 7 million members that it become a public company, as permitted under the Building Societies Act of 1986, Abbey's current corporate status is that of a "mutual organization" that has no equity shareholders and plows all profit back into the orga-

It said members would receive preferential treatment when shares are offered, but that details were being discussed with regulators.

That transformation, if approved by a sufficient number of Abbey's borrowers and investors, will mean that the Bank of England will assume regulatory responsibil-ity for the company from the Build-ing Societies Commission.

"This will make Abbey the sixth-

argest bank, behind the TSB said Timothy Clarke, an analyst with the brokers Scrim-Vickers. TSB, which was formed 175 years ago as a philan-thropic savings bank for Scots,

By Andrew Pollack

so rapidly that some engineers say that in the next decade silicon chips will begin to replace magnetic disks as the main way of storing informa-

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Versions of Hachette's Elle in Spanish, English, Italian, Japanese, French and Chinese.

From Kiosk to Multimedia Giant

By Deborah Wise New York Times Service
PARIS — Professor Louis Hachette saw a business opportuni-ty emerging in the early days of railroads and, in 1826, won the

first newspaper concession in Paris stations With the profits, he estab-lished a press in the heart of the Latin Quarter, employed a young writer named Émile Zola

and started publishing books by Victor Hugo and George Sand. The kiosks and the venerable house that Hachette built still exist, but they are now part of a \$3 billion multimedia giant con-trolled by an eclectic, expansionminded entrepreneur, Jean-Luc Lagardère. He not only runs Hachette with its dozens of magazines, a radio station and lofty literary heritage, but also owns a Paris soccer club and controls Matra SA, France's largest mak-

Now Mr. Lagardère is after Grolier Inc., the leading U.S. publisher of encyclopedias. If his takeover effort succeeds, Hachette will become the world's third-largest publisher, after Bertelsmann AG of West Germany and Simon & Schuster, a subsid-

er of military and electronic

iary of Gulf & Western Inc. On Wednesday, Grotier's board unanimously rejected Ha-chette's \$415 million offer, saying that it was inadequate. Groher said it still hoped to negotiate an acquisition "on satisfactory terms" and that it was holding

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talks with several parties, includ-ing Hachette.

Hachette offered \$21 a share on March 13 for the U.S. publisher. But Grolier's stock price has advanced steadily since, clos-ing Tuesday at \$26.375 on the New York Stock Exchange. Mr. Lagardère took control of

an ailing Hachette SA in 1980 amid controversy. As chairman of Matra, he was hardly considered the heir apparent to a literary treasure, albeit a battered one. There were even rumors that the administration of President Valèry Giscard d'Estaing sanctioned the deal to have an ally in the publishing world. After all, Hachette published such widely read publications as Le Journal du Dimanche, a Sunday newspaper, and Telé 7 Jours, a weekly television magazine.

With strong denials, Mr. La-gardere vowed to keep Hachette independent of politics and re-turn it to financial health. He did

In 1979, the company's fi-nances were stagnant and its bank had removed Hachette's great-great-grandson from pow-er. "Hachette was like an old venerable lady, very respectable but not very young or dynamic," said Yves Sabouret, vice chairman and chief executive of Hachette, who was Mr. Lagardère's second-in-command at Matra and who is married to a member of the original Hachette family. Mr. Lagardère, a charismatic leader who had been named ex-

In Computer Storage Race, Chips Are Gaining Fast on Disks

the 16-megabit chip has already

been produced in several laborato-

By the turn of the century, a single chip will probably store I billion bits of information. At eight bits to the byte, that means 125

million bytes, more than six times

the capacity of the 20-megabyte

hard disk now sold with many per-

Moreover, progress is being made in overcoming a main draw-

back of most memory chips: their loss of memory once the electric power is turned off. Magnetic disks

do not have this problem.
Finding a memory chip that re-

tains its memory without electrical power, but still remains fast and cheap has been the chip equivalent of the Holy Grail. Now, two new kinds of memory chips — flash

memories and ferroelectric memo-

ries --- offer the promise of meeting

Silicon enthusiasts say that at the

rate their industry is developing, silicon will approach the cost per

bit of magnetic storage by the end

Such projections, however, elicit

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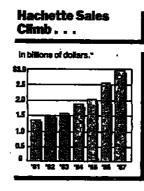
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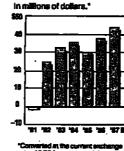
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L'Expansion magazine, brought in a younger management team, invested \$100 million in retool-

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Finding a chip

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Disks are also declining in cost

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disk is replacing the 5.25-inch disk, and a two-inch disk is coming soon.

Moreover, despite the dramatic advance of silicon memory technol-ogy, there are some problems. For

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Oil Prices Rise As OPEC Sets **April Meeting**

ing committee of five ministers elimination of another 850,000 barwould meet in Vienna in the first rels a day from current production week of April to review the cartel's levels. Output by the 13 members

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Mr. Lukman, who is also the Nigerian oil minister, made his announcement at a news conference in Lagos, Nigeria. His cancellation of a news conference Tuesday had caused prices to fall because the market had expected him to announce a price-support strategy.
The OPEC president denied

Wednesday that the meeting was yadh on Wednesday, the Saudi scheduled in response to the recent

drop in oil prices.

Several OPEC officials from countries other than Nigeria voiced surprise at Mr. Lukman's decision. They said that an audit of the cartel's production had fallen short of projections because many countries had not complied with a re-said. quirement that they submit their actual output figures to OPEC au-

have argued against holding any meetings, even of the small pricing committee, given OPEC's poor re-cord in enforcing measures intend-ed to support oil prices. Production quotas often have been violated, and fixed prices have sometimes given way to widespread discounts. Mr. Lukman refrained from say-

ing whether the five-member ministerial committee, which includes Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Venezuela and Indonesia, might recommend a full-scale OPEC

The authority of the group's president is limited to calling a meeting. Decisions on pricing and production can only be adopted unanimously inside OPEC, and a decision to call for a least an armount of the called the call of the called the ca decision to call for a plenary meeting must be made by all five mem-bers of the pricing committee.

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each new chip generation. Now, it promises to drop only by a factor of

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the ferroelectric memory.

By Youssef M. Ibrahim

New York Time: Secure

Saudi Arabia has let it be known that it is firmly opposed to any new PARIS — The president of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, Rilwanu Lukman, said Wednesday that OPEC's pricture and Venezuela for a 5 percent cut in OPEC production, or the elimination of another 850.000 bar-

Earlier, in London, the price of the benchmark North Sea Brent crude for May delivery jumped by 30 cents to \$15.30.

The Saudis, who have scrupulously observed their OPEC quota of 4.3 million barrels a day, have said that other members should adhere to their quotas before any new measures are approved.

But the Saudi press agency, SPA, reported Wednesday that the Saudi oil minister, Hisham Nazer, had requested an immediate meeting of the pricing committee to discuss the situation in the oil market.

In a statement issued from Ripress agency said that King Fahd had been misquoted as confirming Monday that Saudi Arabia granted price discounts. The king said only that no OPEC country can be expected to reduce its production. pected to reduce its production while other oil producers feel free to increase their output, the agency

A majority of OPEC officials U.S. GNP **Grew 4.8%** In Quarter

The Associated Press WASHINGTON - The U.S. economy expanded at a 4.8 percent annual rate in the final quarter of last year, even faster than the previous estimate of 4.5 percent, the government said Wednesday.

The Commerce Department said the gross national product, the total of a nation's goods and services, grew from October through De-cember at the fastest pace in almost two years as the economy appeared to shake off October's record stock

The government also reported 0.2 percent in February, indicating that inflation remains mild.

The revision in GNP growth was the disk drive manufacturers," said cult to manufacture. Production the second for the fourth quarter. James N. Porter, editor of Disk-Trend Inc., a market research firm one-megabit chip, which is one rea-Growth was originally estimated in January at 4.2 percent.

that follows the disk drive industry.

Magnetic disks account for the vast short supply.

Magnetic disks account for the vast short supply.

"The pace of reducing the cost per bit is slowing down," said Mi-The fourth-quarter growth rate followed growth of 4.3 percent in the July-September quarter and was the fastest quarterly growth chihiro Inoue, semiconductor re-search manager for the Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. In the past, rate since an increase of 5.4 percent in the first quarter of 1986. he said, the cost per bit stored

The fourth-quarter data showed that consumer spending and business investment, although depressed, fared better than had been expected. Exports rose faster than previously reported.

Economists said the new report tended to confirm that the United States will enjoy continued eco-nomic growth this election year.

The government said exports were rising at an annual rate of 15.9 percent, faster than thought, and that business investment spending had risen by 1.6 percent.

Even with the revisions, more than three-fourths of the increase in GNP came from a huge buildup of unsold business inventories. Separately, the Labor Depart-

Intel Corp. will soon introduce its first flash memory, capable of storing 256,000 bits of information.

Food prices fell 0.3 percent for the month, after rising 0.3 percent in January. Energy costs, which had fallen 0.7 percent in January, fell 0.6 percent last month.

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amount with today's one-megabit also not caught on as fast as expect-

chips would require 160 chips at a ed because they are expensive and

somewhat slow.



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Tokyo Shoppers Will Test 'Pocket Electronic Bank' Compiled by Our Stuff From Dispatches

Such a development would mean a vast change in the way computers are designed. Information would faster than magnetic memories.

TOKYO - Visa International said Wednesday it would launch a three-year test here of its "SuperSmart Card," an electronic credit card with a built-in computer and keyboard that allows card holders to monitor their account balances and receive authorization for purchases without use of a terminal.

Visa, which is based in San Francisco and is the world's largest

consumer payments system, said the test would involve 120 Tokyo shoppers and begin in June. Similar tests will be conducted in the United States, Canada and Europe later, the company said. Kuhachiro Furuya, Visa International's general manager for Japan, called the card "a pocket electronic banking system."

The new system was developed by Visa in partnership with Toshiba Corp., the Japanese electronics giant. The card allows

consumers to purchase goods without the use of a store's computer because the card has a built-in, tamper-proof memory of the holder's balance, the developers said. The card holder can monitor his account by punching a secret password. The card has a conventional integrated circuit but in-

cludes a battery, a command panel with 20 buttons and a 16-digit liquid crystal display unit not found on existing cards.

The card allows users to check whether they can transfer funds electronically between up to four types of bank accounts. An additional function for users abroad will allow curring a terminal be arranged, but the actual transfers will still require a terminal.

Telephone links to be introduced in October will allow users to reserve or book flights through Japan Air Lines and buy and sell Japanese stocks through the central computer of Daiwa Securities

Co. of Japan. These additional functions will require a special telephone that currently costs 200,000 yer (\$1,575). But Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp. of Japan estimates that the telephone's price could fall as low as 30,000 yer (\$235) once mass production begins.

The experiments are aimed at standardizing electronic cards and developing new areas of services for customers, Mr. Furuya said. A group of 14 corporations and a banking group organized an association to participate in the testing of the new card. The Bank of Japan is acting as an observer. (UPI, AFP, Reuters)





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Judge Approves Plan To Reorganize Texaco

The Associated Press

WHITE PLAINS, New York — A federal judge approved Texaco Inc.'s \$5.6 billion financial reorganization plan Wednesday, clearing the way for the oil giant to emerge from the biggest U.S. corporate bankruptcy case.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Howard Schwartzberg issued the ruling after a day-and-a-half hearing on the proposal for resolving Texaco's debts to its creditors. The confirmation of the plan should allow Texaco to emerge from court protection by mid-April, a year after it filed to reorganize under Chapter 11 of the federal bankruptcy code.

Texaco had filed under Chapter 11 contending it could not afford to post an \$11 billion bond while appealing a \$10.3 billion judgment against it by Houston-based Pennzoil Co.

Texaco agreed in December to pay Pennzoil

Texaco agreed in December to pay Pennzoil \$3 billion to settle that dispute. The agreement formed the keystone of the bankruptcy reorganization plan.

Calmat, a Cement Firm, Gets \$1.2 Billion Bid From Brierley

LOS ANGELES — Calmat Co., a U.S. coment company, said Wednesday that it had received an unsolicited, conditional proposal from Brierley Investments Ltd. of New Zealand to acquire Calmat for \$40 per share in cash, valuing the company at \$1,2 billion.

Calmat said the proposal was made subject to concluding appropriate financial arrangements. Brierley Investments, New Zealand's leading investment company, is the parent of Industrial Equity (Pacific) Ltd., which already owns 19 percent of Calmat's 30.4 million outstanding shares.

shares.

Calmat said it will convene a board meeting to judge the bid against other proposals and will

advise shareholders accordingly.

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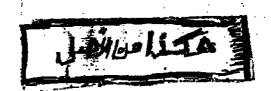
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BAT Profit Is Flat at £1.39 Billion

ate with interests in tobacco, retailing and insurance, said Wednesday es. that pretax profit in 1987 was flat by £192 million.

The company said an expected

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Group sales fell 10 percent to generally were falling. In financial services, trading

Générale de Belgique's share

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Générale de Banque Net Up Despite Loss on Share Issue

BRUSSELS - Générale de Ban- francs each, were sold in December que SA. Belgium's biggest commer-ical bank, said Wednesday that its nancier Carlo de Benedetti consolidated group net profit rose 8.7 percent to 6.4 billion Belgian francs (\$180.8 million) in 1987 despite losses incurred in supporting Société Générale de Belgique SA against a potential takeover

The result compared with 5.9 bil-lion francs in 1986. The increase in profit was attributed largely to a decline in depreciation and write-downs to 9.9 billion francs from 1:1.5 billion in 1986. * Jacques Groothaert, the board

president, also told shareholders that results for the first two months of this year compared "very favor-ably" with those of January and February of 1987.

The bank's consolidated assets stood at 2.175 trillion francs at the end of 1987, a 4.6 percent gain from 2.080 trillion francs at the end of

Générale de Banque proposed raising its dividend 4 percent on ordinary shares to 255 francs, from 245 francs in 1986.

Mr. Groothaert said the bank had incurred a loss of about 400 million francs on about 560,000 shares in Générale de Belgique that were left on its books after a rights essue in October of which it was an

company, Nestle and Buitoni said The increase in capital was that Buitoni had received an offer aimed at preventing any attempts to take over Générale de Belgique, Belgium's biggest holding company. The conglomerate has a 13.4 commitments" binding them. The Générale de Belgique shares,

Intel Signs Chip Accord With Micron

SAN FRANCISCO - Intel Corp. announced Wednesday an alliance with Micron Technology Inc. that will help pave the way for Micron to increase its production of computer memory chips.

Intel was also given an option to purchase Micron stock - up to 600,000 shares at \$19.375 a share if Micron needs capital to expand its production.

ND OPIM F21.25 in over-the-counter trading.

And fell 87.50 cents to \$30.625.

The deal assures Intel a steady source of the memory chip, which is in short supply because of high demand and a technological shift

Micron and Texas Instrumenta Inc. are the only U.S. companies ing of the chips by Japanese competitors. Dumping involves the sale of a product below market costs.

Micron has seen its business boom during the current chip shortage. Net income for the quar-

£17.21 billion, largely because of Dealers said they were encour LONDON — BAT Industries exchange-rate movements and aged by the higher dividend and the PLC, the British-based conglomer—sales of U.S. retail and West Ger—fact that BAT profit exceeded most

The company's operating profit Nonetheless, the company raised fell slightly to £1.4 billion from £1.5 at £1.39 billion (\$2.54 billion) com- its dividend by 18 percent to 16.90 billion; with the tobacco division's pared with the previous year, as the pence, saying that the results earnings slipping 5.5 percent to stronger pound reduced earnings showed a substantial underlying £722 million. Although translation dvance in its business, of overseas earnings into sterling Shares in BAT rose 9 pence to was depressing profit, it said, the fourth-quarter slowdown in its close at 464 pence on the London tobacco businesses generally did

> In financial services, trading profit fell 6 percent to £265 million. The company said that investment appreciation at its Eagle Star insurance unit was cut by £102 million to £47 million over the year because of the October collapse in global

Retailing trading profit fell 3.8 percent to £203 million, although for which the bank paid 3,350 BAT's Marshall Fields department store chain in Chicago recorded sales of \$1 billion for the first time ale de Belgique. Mr. Groothaert said the loss was completely written down in the 1987 accounts.

Profit from the paper manufac-turing division fell by about 3.7 percent, hit by higher world pulp prices, BAT said.

price was 2,280 francs on Dec. 31. On Jan. 14, the day Genérale de Banque sold the last of the shares, Banque sold the last of the shares, the price had risen to 3.015 francs. But a strong cash flow, particu-larly from the tobacco business, al-Mr. Groothaert was speaking at shareholders meeting that was alled to approve an alliance of denerale de Banque with Amster-lam-Rotterdam Bank NV, the from £1.9 billion. lowed the group to cut its net intercalled to approve an alliance of Generale de Banque with Amster-dam-Rotterdam Bank NV, the third-largest Dutch bank.

BAT, through a U.S. subsidiary, s bidding \$63 a share for Farmers societies in the mortgage market for some seven years." Mr. Clarke said. "Now this will put more pres-sure on the clearers," he added, a Each bank will continue to operate independently in its home mar-ket, but their holdings will be surance company, valuing it at \$4.5 pooled in a company called Tuba billion dollars. Farmers has reject-Holding International, of which ed the offer as inadequate.

■ Saint Louis Offer Rejected Swedish Timber Group Buitoni SpA and Nestle SA said Rejects Takeover Offer that an offer by Saint Louis-Bou-

chon SA to buy Buitoni's French subsidiary was invalid because it came after Nestle had already agreed to buy Buitoni, Reuters re-STOCKHOLM — The board of Graningeverken AB, the Swedish raise substantial equity capital for timber and electricity company, said Wednesday that a 5.7 billion In a statement released by Cerus, kronor (\$951 million) takeover bid Mr. de Benedetti's French holding, from three rival Swedish concerns was too low.

AGA AB, Mo & Domsjo AB and for the unit from Saint Louis. But Svenska Cellulosa AB launched the they added, "Buitoni SpA and Nesbid Monday, saying they intended the will respect the entirety of the to divide up Graningeverken. The mmitments" binding them.

Buitoni SA is 47 percent owned shareholders had vowed to reject the bid whatever its price.

Mazda USA Chief Assails American Parts Suppliers

ANN ARBOR, Michigan — The head of Mazda Motor Corp.'s U.S. subsidiary has harshly criticized its American parts suppliers. saying that U.S.-made parts have three to five times more defects than their Japanese counterparis.

Osamu Nobuto, president of Mazda Motor Manufacturing USA Corp., said Tuesday at an auto industry conference here that about half the car parts that Mazda uses at its Flat Rock, Michigan, plant are American. He said he would like to raise that to 70 percent but is concerned about the quality.

"To the Japanese, defective parts are a kind of a shame and a sin," he said. "Americans believe it is inevitable to have defects. They take the attitude that if anything is wrong, we will replace it." Mr. Nobuto said U.S. suppliers are satisfied if 90 percent of their

parts meet quality standards, "yet we cannot expect our customers to be satisfied with a vehicle that is only 90 percent defect-free."

He said he was shocked when some U.S. suppliers told him that if Mazda insisted on higher quality, they would no longer do business with the automaker rather than sending replacements for defective parts. Mr. Nobuto also said that he found Japanese suppliers to more

prompt in their delivery than U.S. compar Mazda currently buys parts from about 50 American suppliers and about 400 companies in Japan. Like many Japanese companies, it is under pressure to obtain more of its supplies in the United States to reduce costs. The yen's rise against the dollar has made Japanese parts considerably more expensive.

went public in 1986 and has been

expanding its financial services.

The commercial banks have

been competing with the building

reference to the four major com-mercial banks, National Westmin-ster Bank PLC, Barclays Bank

PLC, Lloyds Bank PLC and Mid-

Rod Barret, an analyst with the brokerage Hoare Govett Ltd., said,

expansion and will obtain the free-

dom to develop its new status as a

But analysts agreed there were

risks. "What's even more interest-

ing is the potential for an unwanted takeover that Abbey will face," Mr.

With assets of £27 billion, 6 mil-

land Bank PLC.

Clarke said.

Ending Trend, U.S. Car Sales Decline 2.3%

DETROIT - Sales of U.S.made cars were down 2.3 percent in mid-March from 1987 levels, ending a trend of higher sales that began early this year.

"I am really mystified how it stayed so high for so long," one company sales analyst said. "Sales have been running too far above trend, and we are long overdue for some sort of correction."

But sales of light trucks remained strong, rising 6.5 percent from the comparable period in March 1987 to 109,509 units.

The eight companies building cars in the United States reported combined U.S. sales of 189,245 cars in the March 11-20 period. This was down from 217.939 cars

in the year-earlier period. Mazda Motor Manufacturing USA Corp. began producing cars at its new assembly plant near Detroit late last year.

during the period was a relatively weak 6.4 million cars, the same as a year ago.

U.S. manufacturers have sold-1.58 million cars this year, up 14 percent from the 1987 period.

Of the Big Three automakers, General Motors Corp.'s sales of There were eight selling days in domestically made cars fell 1.6 perthe mid-March period this year, cent and Ford Motor Co, recorded one less than in the 1987 period, a 9.9 percent decline. But Chrysler The daily selling rate of 23,656 Corp., the most aggressive in offer-cars, the lowest rate for the period since 1983, compares with 24,215 percent gain in car sales from the in mid-March of 1987.

> The cartel seeks a limit in 1988-89 of 2.4 million compensated

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Kawasaki and NKK Agree to Cut Capacity

file their plan Thursday with the extension of their production cartel

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Tokyo — Kawasaki Heavy Instries Ltd. and Nippon Kokan
Sales teams and cooperate in desales teams and cooperate in debuilders Association of Japan said. dustries Ltd. and Nippon Kokan

The companies said they would

KK have signed an agreement to link their shipbuilding operations and jointly cut production capacity, an NKK spokesman said Wednesday.

building supplies company.

Black & Decker said that Kelso

agreed to pay it \$25 million provided that Black & Decker does not

renew its takeover attempt. The

tool maker said it would use the \$25

But Kelso also stipulated that it would pay Black & Decker the \$25

million only if Kelso can buy American Standard shares for less

Black & Decker's bid for Ameri-

The tool maker is trying to

can Standard began Jan. 27 with a

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\$1.8 billion cash offer.

sign, technological development and materials procurement. The companies will continue gross registered tons. talks on a three-way link with

Ishikawajima-Harima Heavy Industries Co., the spokesman added. Kawasaki and NKK are expect-ABBEY: U.K. Thrift to Sell Shares, Become a Bank ed to file jointly for a 22.9 percent cut in shipbuilding capacity, indus-

try sources said. The government has urged Japaown more than 15 percent.

Abbey's spokesman, Stewart
Gowans, said that 20 percent of the
Bank of England, could take 18 nese shipyards to cut total capacity by 20 percent by the end of this month, to 4.8 million compensated gross registered tons, from 6.03

tillion a vear earlier. The Transport Ministry had approved a tentative NKK plan to trim its group capacity by 27.8 per-

Standard, or fails to purchase shares by May 2, Black & Decker In another development, Japan's shipbuilders asked the Fair can pursue an acquisition of the Trade Commission to permit an

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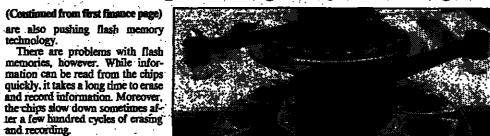
Micron shares rose \$1.50 to to a new generation of products.

now making the chips. Others indoned the market in the face of what the Reagan administration judged in 1985 to be illegal dump-Industry sources said the Intel-Micron venture signaled a new strategical response by U.S. high technology electronics firms to compension from the Japanese and other Asian manufacturers.

"This is exactly the right thing from the perspective of the overall industry," said Ralph J. Thomson of the American Electronics Asso-

> ter ended March 2 reached \$16.9 Stillion, compared with a loss of \$10.9 million a year earlier. (NYT, WP, Reuters)

CHIPS: In Computer Storage, They Are Gaining Fast on Magnetic Disks



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& Decker Corp., the world's largest

producer of power tools, has terminated its bid of \$77 a share, or \$2.4

billion, for American Standard Inc.

cash tender offer last week of \$78 a share, or about \$2.5 billion, from

Kelso & Co., a New York invest-

ment banking firm that specializes in leveraged buyouts. American Standard, based in New York, is a leading building supplies manufac-

Black & Decker said it had

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Hachette changed from a money loser, with sales of 7.8 billion in January at a reduced price, the French francs in 1981, to a profit-offer was oversubscribed, much to able concern, with sales of 17 billion French francs (\$2.96 billion) in Mr. Lagardère.

The Grolier bid is just the latest in a busy 12 months for the energetic Mr. Lagardère. In April, Ha-chette lost a bid to buy TF1, France's newly privatized televi-

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the relief of the government and lion French francs (32.70 blacks).

1987. Earnings this year are estimated at 250 million French francs, in the future strategy of Hachette,"

Mr. Sabouret said. The goal is to build Hachette into a corporation with \$3.5 billion in revenue and an annual growth rate of 15 percent. We have always had plans to

expand our book business, and one

of our main strategies is to increase

(Constinued from first finance page) make TF1 the cornerstone of its of our business." Mr. Sabouret andiovisual sector. Hachette still said. plans to expand its \$200 million audiovisual operation, but its cen-

month after the merger of the book publishing units of CEP Communi-cation and Les Presses de la Cité. controlled by the French financial and media group Générale Occi-dentale, into a \$1.2 billion opera-

Hachette has had success in the United States. In 1986, it bought Curtis Circulation Co., which controis 25 percent of the nation's magazine distribution market.

The second venture paired Mr Lagardère with Rupert Murdoch's News International Inc. The two have a 50-50 joint venture to pub lish American editions of the lashion magazine Elle and Première Since its American debut in 1985 Elle has reached a circulation of a million copies. A reciprocal deal with Time Inc. led to the launching of a French version of Fortune magazine in February.

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Pound Firms, Closes Under 3.11 DM

NEW YORK — The British gound rose Wednesday against the Denische mark in nervous trading in New York and Europe, despite reports of light intervention from the Bank of England.

Dealers said the pound remained attractive because of its relatively high interest rates. A similar attraction has been boosting the Australian and Canadian dollars, dealers said, prompting the central banks of those countries to intervene Wednesday to limit the currencies'

The pound, which jumped above. 3.11 DM in Europe, finished at 3 1072 DM in New York, up from 3,1005 on Tuesday. It slipped from the day's highs amid uncertainty about the British authorities' reaction should it continue to rise, deal-

Dealers said the market still expected further sales by the British closed unchanged at 1.6915 DM rentral bank to smooth out the curand 1.3985 Swiss frances, and was

rency's sharp upward swing. But in the British money market, participants seem convinced that the government will want to avoid a further cut in interest rates to \$1,8330. slow the pound's rise, unless the

London Dollar Rates

above the 3 DM barrier. But it later responded to the currency's jump to 3.10 DM by cutting interest rates by a half point.

Prime Minister Margaret The Canadian currency, which pound — lower interest rates or heavy official selling of sterling — will prove inflationary.

The Canadian currency, which broke the 80 U.S. cent barrier last week, soared to 80.47 U.S. cent barrier last week, soared to 80.47 U.S. cent barrier last

"But the pressure is certainly still on" the pound, said one U.S. dealer. "It's been well supported all

day by market buying.

The dollar idled in a narrow trading band. In New York, it down slightly at 126.85 yen from 127 on Tuesday. It also slipped to 5.7460 French francs from 5.7470. The pound rose to \$1.8370 from

There's not too much going on

prices for February and a modest upward revision in gross national product growth.

Fourth-quarter U.S. GNP figures showed the economy growing at a revised 4.8 percent annual rate, slightly faster than the 4.5 percent growth rate estimated last month.

Dealers said they expected the upward pressure on the pound to continue in coming days, although volatility may subside ahead of Friday's figures on Britain's balance of payments and inflation for Feb-

at 80.28 cents there on Tuesday.

In London, the dollar closed at 1.6910 DM, down slightly from 1.6920 on Tuesday; at 126.75 yen, down from 127.05; at 1.3990 Swiss francs after 1.4014 and at 5.7475 French francs from 5.7515.

The pound also rose to \$1.8350 from \$1.8295. In earlier European trading, the dollar was fixed higher in Frank-furt at 1.6945 DM, after 1.6914 on Tuesday, but lower in Paris at 5.7555 French francs from 5.7570.

Interest-Rate Differential **Boosts Australian Dollar**

SYDNEY - The Australian dollar on Wednesday hit its highest level against the U.S. dollar in nearly two years, and economists said the Australian currency appeared ready to move higher.

Strong offsbore buying prompted by relatively high interest rates in Australia pushed the currency beyond 74 U.S. cents during trading. The Australian unit closed later at 73.98 cents, off its highs for the day, after the central bank sold limited volumes of the currency. It subsequently rose in New York trading to 74.20.

The Sydney closing was well above Tuesday's finish of 73.71 cents. A Tokyo dealer said that with little movement in the U.S. dollar, "it is natural" that "the market started to pay attention to the highyielding currencies, especially the Australian dollar."

A renewed interest in Australian Eurobond issues and an interestrate advantage in Australia has helped drive the unit higher. The rate differential with the United States is 4 to 5 percentage points and with Japan and West Germany, 5 to 6 points.

There's nothing on the horizon to stop it reaching 75 U.S. cents in the next month, except a continuing expectation of Reserve Bank intervention," said Paul Smith, chief dealer at Westpac Banking Corp., of the Australian dollar.

But most dealers said there was little chance of heavy intervention to bring down the dollar and protect Australian exports. They said economic fundamentals were sound and the market was orderly.

"At this stage. I cannot see anything happening to take away the strength of the dollar in the next month or two," said John Peters.

senior economist of Midland International Australia Ltd. "It could weaken if the Reserve Bank tried to ease monetary policy "The main risks for the Australian dollar are that the world

plemented in several Eastern countries." the survey said. On the trade front, the fall of last year. (Continued from Page 1)

The number of jobless fell by the large and increasing costs of about 100,000 in 1987, but this was continued low growth and stagna-

higher level of indebtedness,"

GENEVA - Western Europe. having curbed inflation, now must

revive its stagnating economy in

order to create more jobs, increase

trade and help head off recession.

United Nations economists said on

The annual economic survey for 1987-88 by the secretariat of the

UN Economic Commission for Eu-

rope said economic growth in

Western Europe slowed to a disap-

pointing 2.25 percent last year from 2.5 percent in 1986, and was unlike-

Because of prolonged stagna-

tion, productive capacity was hard-

ly rising in major West European countries. "Human capital" was

also deteriorating due to large-scale

unemployment of young people, many of whom had been idle for

long periods since leaving school,

a negligible reduction in a West European total of more than 13

the survey said.

ly to exceed 2 percent in 1988.

East European net debt rose from roughly \$65 billion to \$75 billion last year, and Soviet debt rose from \$23 billion to \$25 billion, largely because of the decline in the dollar's value, the report said.

But it said that restraints on imnology, would hinder domestic eco-nomic growth and the drive for modernization. "The latter is of key creation of an options exchange to its export capacity, reverse the decline in its international competitiveness and move toward the goal of currency convertibility," the re-

ization are not favorable, the report

Chancellor Kohl saved the tax reform bill only by threatening to resign unless his partners in the coalition government dropped de-

BLOC: East European Growth Slowed Sharply in '87

Shed Inflation Fears, Europe Is Told

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couraged and the trap gets tighter.

mism." the survey added.

they should not be.

Weak demand accompanied by

It said policy-makers in Western

Inflation was now generally very

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United States and Canada.

world oil prices and the depreciation of the dollar were "the major

Soviet imports were cut by 19 percent in volume in 1986, and by an additional 10 percent in the first

"Given the recent drop in the ort said.

value of the dollar and weakening
East-West trade stagnated last oil prices, the Soviet terms of trade year, and prospects for its revital- and balance of payments will be under renewed pressure in 1988,"

> This, it said, was likely to lead to further increases in the volume of Soviet exports, rather than a big rise in Soviet borrowing.

On the production side, the com-

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their productive capacities, not allow them to weaken," it said. The survey said economic

growth in the 34-nation region as a whole slackened to about 2.5 perpears to be caught in a low growth trap," the survey said. "With cent last year from just over 3 persteady deterioration in short-term cent in 1986. Current forecasts prospects, as appears to be the case in 1988, capital formation is dispointed to a further slowdown in 1988, it added.

The slowdown was expected to be sharp in Britain and Italy, where low expectations of growth are the growth was quite strong in 1987. main reasons for this lack of dyna-Slower-growth economies were likely to show no improvement or

worsen, the survey said. Europe might still be restrained by Only North America maintained steady growth last year, at around 3

Despite sharply reduced U.S. do-mestic demand and higher exports, the fall in the U.S. dollar exchange rate against other currencies throughout 1987 meant there was virtually no improvement in nomi-nal trade balances, with both the U.S. deficit and the West German surplus showing increases, the sur

in dollar terms," noted one U.S. corrency surges again. In Zurich, the dollar closed lower economy slides into recession, in which case commodity prices Earlier this month, the British trader. The market ignored a 0.2 at 1.4005 Swiss francs from control bank let the pound rise percent rise in U.S. consumer 1.4018.5 would fall, or that there is a big realignment of the major currer which they have been reluctant to said Don Stammer, chief economist at the stockbrokers Bain & Co.

By Ferdinand Protzman

International Herital Tribune

FRANKFURT — One day after program, amounced Tuesday, included a revision of the withholding tax. Under the revision, due to take effect in 1989, the withholding pointed. But not only that, this program a Bundesbank diinproved a controversial tax re-dra program, a Bundesbank ditax would not be applicable to acector, Clans Köhler, sharply criti-zed the government for failing to crued interest on bonds.

seep its promise to abolish a turnyer tax on securities trading. "The market's trust in the connancy of the economic policy has aken a blow" from the govern-nent's failure to abolish the tax and its decision to impose a 10 recent withholding tax on interest course of a trading day. said on investments and bank deposits, Mr. Kohler wrote. His critiism came in a preface to the first umual report of the West German

nock Exchange Association, reeased Wednesday.

Bundesbank Director Reproaches Bonn for Tax on Securities Trading

In a recent public letter, leading West German bankers had petitioned the government for such a revision. They argued that the inclusion of such payments would result in unacceptably high admin-istrative costs because of the rapid turnover of bonds during the

Leading bankers remain unhap-py with both the withholding and securities turnover taxes despite the

withholding tax was introduced. and tax factors among the most What hurts is the combination of important financial centers." he withholding tax was introduced. the unfulfilled promise to lift the added. "But this has not happened.

tors many advantages, "financial the German exchanges." center West Germany remains top-heavy," he said. "There are rela-tively too many credits given out and relatively too few fixed-interest securities and stocks issued. Indus-trial hords are completely locking." trial bonds are completely lacking in the financial process."

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"A securities turnover tax doesn't have to be disruptive if there is harmonization of technical turnover tax and unexpected introduction of the withholding tax."

Although West Germany's universal banking system offers invesing in London an advantage over

"This tax outs securities trading While those developments have in the Federal Republic at a disad-Mr. Köhler pointed out that the historical roots in the financial re- vantage," he said in the report. "It

from the turnover tax and with-holding tax are homemade," he securities in other financial cen-

Mr. von Rosen said the tax also ports, particularly of Western tech-meant the West German financial nology, would hinder domestic ecocenter cannot offer "the same palette of investment opportunities as other centers." He called for the importance if the East is to improve allow investors "the possibility of

hedging their investments." The government and the nation's banks have been wrangling for months over the ground rules for creating such an exchange.

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immediate difficulties confronting the Soviet Union," the survey said. As the value of its exports fell, the Soviet Union increased export volume by 21 percent in 1986 and by 5 percent in the first three quar-

ters of 1987, largely by boosting sales of crude oil and natural gas.

three quarters of last year, bringing the trade balance with the West into balance in 1987 after two successive years of deficits.

the report said.

In Eastern Europe, agricultural production fell by 0.5 percent, after a 5.3 percent rise in 1986. Soviet farm output, which also expanded by 5.3 percent in 1986, rose by only 0.2 percent last year.

In the industrial sector, the slowdown was less pronounced. Soviet gross industrial output increased 3.8 percent last year, 1 percentage

point less than in 1986, but in line with the official target. East European industrial production rose 3.5 percent, also 1 per-

centage point below 1986 growth, but half a percentage point below planned levels. Plans for 1988 call for an overall

5.9 percent growth rate for the Soviet Union, with a 5.5 percent increase in agricultural production. Eastern Europe is aiming for 4.8 percent growth and a 3.5 percent rise in farm output.

These targets will be difficult to achieve, given that expansion on this scale has not been achieved for mands for changes in his plans for ming from the improvement in the tax cuts, according to government political climate, and changes in sources in Bonn quoted by Reuters. the economic mechanism being imsecured to have been mainly re-

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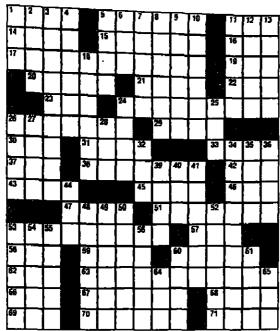
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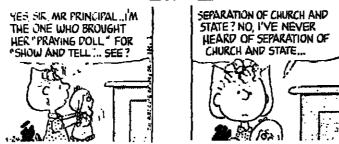
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By Alan Truscott

T HERE is no recorded case of a major bridge event being rained out, but it nearly happened recently at the Adria Motor Inn in Bayside, Queens. When the evening session of grand national knockout play was about to start, water began pouring out of the ceiling. Players and officials hurriedly

moved to another area.
The eight surviving teams contested the quarter-finals at the Cavendish Club in Manhattan.
The midpoint margins by captain were: Jim Becker led Michael Camp by 20 imps, James Hurwitz trailed David Berkowitz by 24 les Puen led Saul Bronstein 74; Ira Ewen led Saul Bronstein by 6; Victor Mitchell trailed Alan

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The chapters on "Counterattack in Space and "A War Run by Computers," by my different authors, stand in marked contrast in the chapter of the contrast of the counter of duplicate material in a book published three years ago by one of the authors (William J. Broad's "Star Warriors") on the young scientists of the Livermore weapons lab, but are nonetheless interesting reading in condensed form here, especially the chapter on the little-known, very conservative, defense-minded Hertz Foundation, provider of fellowships for many of the best young weaponeers. most of the other technical chapters. The fir sober, reflective, presenting balance and re son and good reporting, along with acknowledgment of the difficulty of fully evaluating

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CCLAIMING the Heavens," a multi-author compilation of The New York Times's coverage of the origins and circumstances of Star Wars, reflects and propagates the confusion that has surrounded the Strate-

gic Defense Initiative (or SDI) since its incep-tion. The problem comes, in the book as in the public debate, with the technical details. Be-cause the scientific and technological princi-ples on which SDI will rise or fall as an effec-

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live defense system are beyond the capacity of

the authors to judge for themselves, their re-ports are necessarily derivative of the judg-

ments of others. Therefore what they record

reflects whom they have spoken with and what

their impressions of their sources were. Some

of the authors are more judicious than others in

weighing the information they are offered,

keeping a coherent course within a context of opposing views. Others are almost totally cred-ulous, repeating claims of significant progress

even while noting criticisms that would seem, if taken seriously, to negate this claimed progress

Because the chapters are derivative of arti-

cles written for the Times over the years since the announcement of SDI in 1983, some have a stale quality by now. The first two chapters

duplicate material in a book published three

Solution to Previous Puzzle

completely.

Reviewed by Kosta Tsipis

classified program. Each statement is pursu to its logical conclusion, dealing with all timplications and alternative interpretation. The second of these chapters, a close investigation. tion of the computer requirements basic to a form of missile defense, is a model of how explain something technical to the public with

out getting drowned in the details.

Surely it is good to have press coverage this significant technological and political. fort gathered together, on record in accessi form. On the other hand, along with use information, errors, irrelevant facts and inco sistencies are being writ in stone here fixe within hard covers, ready for research as citation, but still wrong, misleading, ill or prehended or incomplete. The technically i sophisticated reader must beware.

Kosta Tsipis, a nuclear physicist. wrote the review for The Washington Post.

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East returned the deuce, West drew the right conclusion, and after winning the heart ace, he played his re-maining club. This allows ten partner to kill dummy's ten with a ruff, and South had to

lose a diamond trick eventual-In the replay East-West tried five hearts when the bidding reached four spades. The defeared four spaces. The de-fense was Lisa Berkowitz and Joyce Lilie was exactly right, for North led a spade and South shifted to a diamond. North played the nine, forcing the queen, and the defense eventual.

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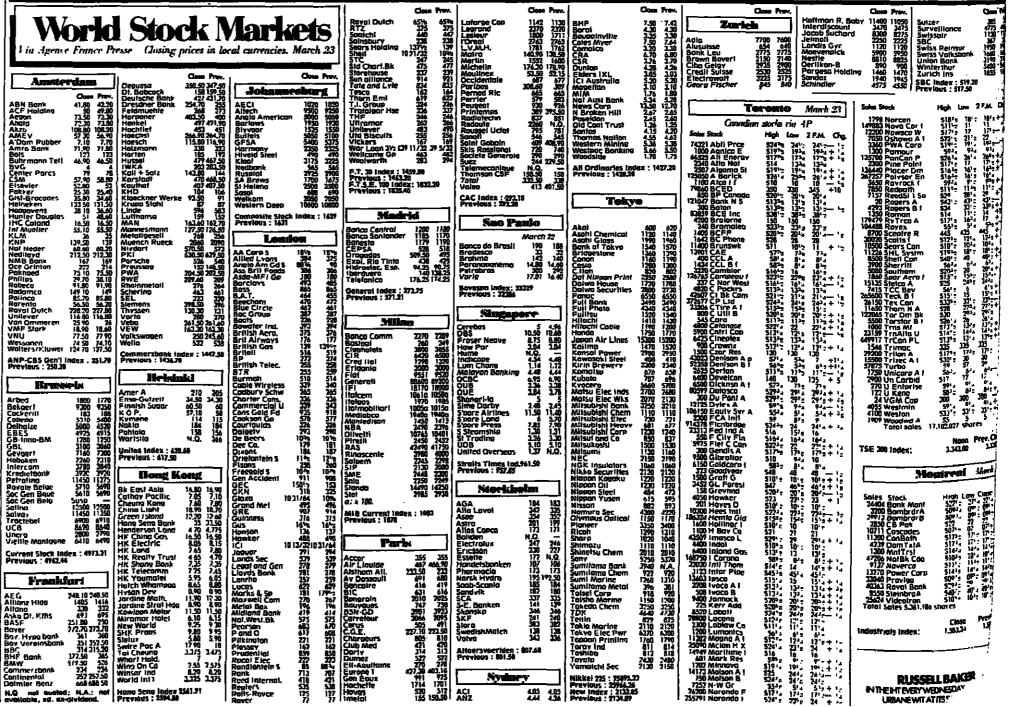
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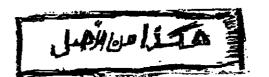
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SPORTS



Svet Wins Final Race, World Cup Giant-Slalom Title

Mateja Svet of Yugoslavia won the south and final women's giant slalom of the season Wednesday in Saalbach, Austria, clinching the World Cup title in that event. With a combined clocking of 2 minutes, 13.91 seconds, Svet amassed 87 points in the discipline and overtook Frenchwoman Catherine Quittet, who finished second with 78. Quittet led the standings going into the finale; she needed only a moderate showing to win but could do no better than 24th. Svet, the slalom silver medalist at last month's Olympics, said she'd had trouble motivating herself after a hard season of racing. "It wasn't so easy to get back into the swing after Calgary," she said. "But today I just wanted to ski well, ski a good race. It was a beautiful day, the conditions were great. I'm happy."

India Pulls Out of Cup Match in Israel

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches NEW DELHI — India will not and a team to Israel for Davis Cup impetition next month to protest ries, Prime Minister Rajiv Gan-

hi announced Wednesday. play a Davis Cup best-of-five not want to win this way."

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Israel and India were scheduled tion, said, "This is a shock. We did

petition by the International Ten- and Gaza Strip. One Israeli soldier has been slain.

Gandhi told the lower house of India does not have diplomatic parliament that India would have relations with Israel, but Israel raeli "repression and atrocities" sent a team had Israel agreed its maintains a consulate in Bombay.

gainst Arabs in the occupied terrirequest for a "neutral" venue.

A leading member of the Nonrequest for a "neutral" venue. A leading member of the Non-In Jerusalem, Zvi Meyer, secretary of the national tennis associa-tion, said, "This is a shock. We did Last July, after much debate, In-

g to play. India is subject to a killed by Israeli somers or settlers was urbunated by Israeli. This year, 10,000 fine and possible suspensince protests began last December India lost its first world group series, to 30-5 Navy, Richmond became on from the 1989 Davis Cup coming the Israeli-occupied West Bank against Yugoslavia. (AP, UPI) the first CAA team to receive an at-

Even at the Top, the Little Guys Have a Steep Climb large bid to the tournament. It even received a No. 11 seed, losing a and played North Carolina to the as much as anything." (No. 11) All four had mediocre received as much as anything." (No. 11) All four had mediocre received as much as anything." Washington Past Service WASHINGTON — The myth of the NCAA basketball tournament

is that all 64 teams have a chance when the ball goes up in the opening round. The reality is something

Yes, there are upsets. Richmond and Rhode Island in 1988 are Southwest Missouri State and Austin Peay in 1987, Cleveland State and Arkansas-Little Rock in 1986. But there is little doubt that when the tourna-Arkansas State Nips Stanford, 60-59, ment committee sets up the field, schools from the rich and powerful

Consider this year's draw: The 16 bottom-seeded teams all come from conferences that received - into the field. Only two schools from a one-bid conference. Loyola after time expired Tuesday night to Marymount and Xavier, were seed-give Arkansas State a 60-59 victory ed higher than 13th Loyola, with the nation's highest-scoring offense and longest winning streak, was seeded 10th in the West; Xavier with a 26-3 mark, was No. 11 in the

conferences are put in the best posi-

tion to advance, and to win.

By John Feinstein

else again.

"There is no question that teams like ours are caught in a Catch-22 situation," said Don Corbett, North Carolina A&T's coach. "We can't get a higher seed because we've never wou in the NCAA. But it's very hard for us to win because when

you're a low seed you play a very high seed — a very tough team."

Given that A&T plays in a weak league and has an 0-7 record in the NCAA tournament, its spot as a No. 14 seed in the East could be justified in spite of a 26-2 regular season record. But other teams from non-name leagues that have won games in the tournament have not been rewarded with improved

future seedings.

Take Richmond, for example. The Spiders come out of the Colonial Athletic Association, a league few people outside of Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina know anything about. Yet in the 1980s, the CAA has produced teams like James Madison, which beat Georgetown one year and Ohio State the next; Navy, which beat LSU in 1985 and reached the final eight in 1986, and Richmond, which beat Auburn in 1984 and so far this time has beaten Indiana

and Georgia Tech. In 1986, when it finished second

we were seeded so low this year." the regular season. It won at Geor- the basketball committee for six Georgetown (No. 8); Louisiana

STANFORD, California -

Rhon Johnson sank a free throw

lough first-round game to sixth-seeded St. Joseph's. "I thought then like Virginia Commonwealth and

vitation Tournament.

Stanford led by 59-56 with just

over two minutes left when John

that we had made a breakthrough because of what the league had accomplished," said Coach Dick Tarrant. "I was really successful."

Intervitional Commonwealth and teams from padding their schedules portant, had lost to strong teams. But the trend may have gone too far.

Strength of schedule has be-That was done to discourage teams and apparently just as imgia Tech and at Arizona State (ear- years. "More and more, the com- State (No. 9) and St. John's

the trend may have gone too far. you will play big-name teams. Even complished," said Coach Dick Tarrant. "I was really surprised when come really important the last few spectable schedule, Yet in spite of John's lost eight of its last II preyears." said the ACC's commis- its record, it was seeded well below tournament games - you still will This year, Richmond was 24-6 in sioner, Gene Corrigan, who was on teams like Maryland (No. 7); be seeded higher than the schools the regular season. It won at Georetic work at Georgetown (No. 8); Louisiana from the smaller conferences,

cords but had beaten some strong

And yet for several years now, schools from smaller conference have proven they ment more consideration. This year there is more proof. Murray State beat North Carolina State and seared Kansas On Free Throw With 00:00 on Clock to death; Richmond has pulled its upsets, and Rhode Island beat Mis-

> ard Wright with the clock showing Yet Rhode Island has succeeded 00:00 but before the buzzer had After Stanford called two timeouts, trying to rattle the reserve guard. Johnson calmly sank the first of two shots with a standing-

Stanford led several times in the

years. One reason is television. CBS pays the NCAA \$55.1 million a year for the right to televise second half, but missed five free throws - four by center Greg Butand run the tournament. It is clear-Tate scored 19 points to lead ASU. Todd Lichti had 23. including 14 in the second half, to pace doesn't help ratings to have Murray tional tournament loss: In the

school's only other postseason appearance, it won the NCAA cham-In the only other second-rounder assists to lift Boston College to an 86-81 triumph over Evansville.

In home-court victories Tuesday night, it was Colorado State 71, Houston 61; Middle Tennessee State 69, Georgia, 59; Ohio State bome watching on TV, rather than 86, Cleveland State 80; New Mexico 78. Oregon 59, and — knocking And yet when a new team does out the defending champion — Virginia Commonwealth 93, Southern

room-only crowd screaming.

ler - in the closing minutes.

pionship in 1942.

It was Stanford's first-ever na-

Mexico and Arkansas State at Col-

souri and Syracuse. over Stanford in the second round Tate hit a free throw and followed The Rams play in a middle-size league, the Atlantic Ten. They were of college basketball's National In- with a rebound shot to tie the score. 26-6 (three of their losses were to ASU called time-out with 19 sectop-ranked Temple), but only four onds left and then held the ball at large-schools were seeded lower than they were. until Johnson was fouled by How-

> Richmond has. Murray State has. And Southern, the 15th-seed in the Southeast, played No. 2 Kentucky almost even for 30 minutes. But it's unlikely that such perfor-mances will have much influence on

> the selection committee in future

ly in the network's best interest to have the marquee teams and the more visible coaches and players. It State knocking out N.C. State and Jim Valvano, Richmond eliminat-ing Indiana and Bob Knight or Rhode Island sending Derrick Chievious and Missouri packing.

The members of the committee won by a visiting team. Dana Barros had 32 points, 5 rebounds and 6 tractive matchups of colorful coaches and players. The Southerns, North Carolina A&Ts and Murray States just don't fit that profile. As far as the NCAA and the network are concerned, the sooner they are

emerge, it makes for a terrific story. Last weekend, CBS spent a lot of time talking about Rhode Island Friday night's quarterfinals will and its star player, Tom Garrick, have Virginia Commonwealth at whose blind father comes to all Connecticut, Ohio State at New URI's games, and has his other sons sitting next to him describing the action down on the court. On Saturday, Boston College is at Middle Tennessee State. (UPI, AP) schools have to climb.

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5. Gillian Wachsman and Todd Woggoner, United States. 2.9
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3. Brian Boltana, United States, 1.8
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PHOENIX—Named Dave Babback basket-Chris Evert (2), U.S., det. Helena Sukova (5) Czechoslovakia. 6-7 (10-8), 7-5, 6-4. Mary Jo Fernandez (15), U.S., def. Eina Rei SOUTHERN INDIANA—Announced II will

U.S. 5 1-1, 64.

U.S. Cycling Rookie Bails Out of Europe By Samuel Abt

Jerry Francis contributed 21 points to help Ohio State down

Cleveland State, 86-80 in an NIT second-rounder Tuesday night.

FOSSACESIA MARINA, Italy too demanding too different too I'm mostly a sprinter but in the last say 'OK, I'm a pro now.' There are Nothing went right for Mike foreign. After a season or two they year or two, I've been able to stay so many good riders, so many riders in the two months after he are back home. "The first year or with the climbers." moved from the United States to two in Europe are the hardest part.

Italy to start his first season as a just being in a different life." Leompany, which makes bicycle accompany, which professional bicycle racer. Climate. food, water, even the air he labored

been fighting illness," he said after a the day's race from Cassino to Pag- foreign excursion). recent stage of the Tirreno-Adriatico race across Italy. "In the past few days, my stomach has been stage in 176th place among the 177 riders, Chavez dropped out during grinding and I haven't been sleeping well. My health just isn't up to par.

So this week Chavez, 23, went come back here."

Each year a handful of American

lieta in the Abruzzi. Starting the

"They're all hard when you feel back home on official leave, plan-ning to see a doctor and visit his American people say bike racing in "When I was in Germany I had er seasons, Chavez said. He began

cessories, spotted Chavez and rec-He gets no quarrel from Chavez, ommended him to Selca, a small, to breathe on training rides weakened him.

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Tre gets no quarter from select team. Iow-budget team that races almost exclusively in Italy (the modest Tour of Denmark will be its major

on Jan. 15, Chavez had problems. "I riders. Chavez dropped out during the sole and undemanding climb.

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parents in New Mexico. "Fil be back," he promised bravely. "It's just kind of go home, recuperate, get my fitness back up and then come back here."

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Twhen I was in Germany I had no problems. Here the climate's been difficult, hot and cold, hot and cold again. Also I'm used to a real dry climate and it's very wet here." He lives in a small town outside

Perhaps it really will work out that way. During his first season in Europe, Greg LeMond fled months of misery by returning to the United States, rebuilding his morale before coming back to Europe and beginning to win the races that led to his victory in the 1986 Tour de France.

The seasons, Chavez said. He began a small town outside Imola, near Bologna, where training is difficult. "The air isn't very good because there's a lot of farmland and the farmers just burn all their fields off. And all the cars, it seems they all burn gas into the air. In 1984, he visited his brother. If meaning to win the 1986 Tour de France. victory in the 1986 Tour de France. Dennis, who was stationed with the you're in a 100-mile ride and if three times in nine months after LeMond was the exception. U.S. Air Force in Kaiserslautern, three cars come by blowing smoke, Australian Tracey Wickham's West Germany, and began racing you're upset. Here you're lucky if a 8:24.62 had stood from 1978 to

minor sport. Almost unanimously, ny. "Things were very good for me. ing. I've learned that quick. You the Americans find European life. I raced very well, got good results. don't just turn pro, you don't just

"Here, just communicating was a very big problem. Home's a great place, but this is what I want to do.

"Everybody has good days and bad days. I've been fighting this From the day he arrived in Sicily long. I'm not going to stop now. on Jan. 15. Chavez had problems. "I I've gotten this far, I'm not going to stop now. I'm just planning to go

Swimmer Evans Sets Mark in 800

ORLANDO, Florida - Freestyler Janet Evans set an 800-meters world record at the U.S. swimming championships here Tuesday night. Timed in 8 minutes, 17.12 sec-onds, Evans now holds world records in the 400, 800 and 1,500.

The 800 mark has changed hands bicycle riders come to Europe to there as an amateur. Last year, unseek the glory and wealth few can happy with his progress in U.S.
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"Professional racing is a whole 8:22.44; East German Anke Mohrfind at home, where racing is still a races, he returned to West Germadifferent thing from amateur racing swam an 8:19.53 a month later.

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One More War to Go

WASHINGTON — "Do you think Reagan wants to get us into a war?" Duvalle asked me.

"When a war?" Duvalle asked me.

"When a war?" Duvalle asked me. "Why don't you ask him?" I said.

hear me above the noise of his helicopter. Tell me why he sent 3,200 troops to Honduras." It's a training exercise for the

82d Airborne," [assured him. 'Why can't they train in the United States?" "We don't

have enough land in the U.S. for a first-class training exer-

cise." "You know Buchwald what I think?" Duvalle said. "The president doesn't want to leave office without getting us into one last good war." "That's ridiculous. He had a war in Grenada. He doesn't need another to prove he's macho."

"Grenada wasn't a top-of-the-line war. People have forgotten about it already. They don't even remember it was fought during Reagan's administration. If he gets our troops fighting in Nicaragua, people will remember that war for years to come." Duvalle declared. I said. "The president doesn't want our boys to fight in Nicaragua. He wants the contras to do the fighting for us. But Congress

Search Starts For Giant Earwig

T ONDON — Two men from the London Zoo will set off from Britain Thursday to search for the world's largest earwig on St. Hele-na, the remote South Atlantic island where Napoleon Bonaparte

died in exile. "If we find any giant earwigs we will bring them back alive in hopes of getting them to breed in captivity at the zoo," said Dave Clarke,

the expedition leader.

The nocturnal insect is 3 inches long, reddish brown in color, lives in a burrow and although a fearsome looking creature, with two big pincers at the back, is harmless to man. The last giant earwigs were seen by Belgian collecting expedi-tions in 1965 and 1967.

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backs and send our boys to Hondu-What good will it do? He can't ras to make sure the contras get the support they need to fight the San-

"How can Reagan give the con-tras support if the U.S. Congress has forbidden it?" Duvalle asked. "Well, has it ever occurred to you the U.S. airborne troops will pull out and leave all their equipment behind in a field? Then as soon as they leave, the contras will come in and grab all the stuff the 82d forgot to take with them."

"But that sounds as if the president is going around Congress," Duvalle said.

There is nothing wrong with that if the cause is just."
"Who said that?" Duvalle wanted to know.

"Ollie North and most everyone involved in the contra scandal." "Why is Elliot Abrams running the show in Central America?" "Because that's his territory," I

"I thought he lied to Congress about what was going on in Nicara-"He's a confessed liar. But that's

no reason why he can't run a war." п "I still think someone should tell Ronald Reagan that history will remember him more fondly if he doesn't get American boys shot at,"

"Reagan would like to avoid it, but what would you do if you were president and Congress closed off

the faucet?" Send troops to Honduras?" Du-

valle asked. "Of course. Presidents like to be tested. Besides, if Reagan gets us into a war with Nicaragua he won't have any problem pardoning North, Second, Poindexter and Ha-

"He's apparently covered all his bases. But it still could mean a lot of shooting in Managua." "Perhaps, but what a signal we would be sending to our enemies around the world."

"If the contras can't win in Nicaragua, and we have assured every-one the U.S. is not going to fight there, what are we doing in Honduras in the first place?"

"Protecting our money in Pana-

EMPLOYMENT

Don't Cry for Argentina's Opera

By Shirley Christian

New York Times Service

B UENOS AIRES — In this city, where the arts are revered as in few places of the world, the Teatro Colon is the most important cultural icon. For 80 years. Argentines have climbed the red carpet of its golden staircase to sit in its glittering splendor and be awed by the best in music, opera and dance. People seeking standing space in the upper rings - affectionately called paradisc - often line up for blocks outside the imposing French Renaissance

But the 1988 season, which begins this month in the Southern Hemisphere and will run into December, finds the Colon closed for all but orchestra concerts while long-needed updating and repairs are made to the stage, equipment and backstage areas.

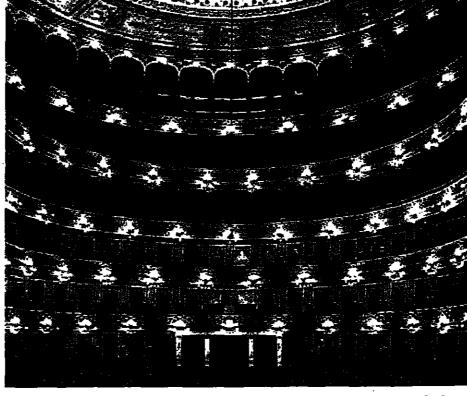
building in the center of the city.

When the theater resumes full operations, probably in March 1989, more than the stage will be new. There will be an attempt to 'renew" the audience, particularly by attracting young people, says Ricardo Szawarcer, the gen-eral manager. This seems to require competing with television and popular musical.

An example of what lies ahead is the staging of the Kurt Weill-Bertolt Brecht "Rise and Fall of the City of Mahagonny," which closed the 1987 season in December. Very daring by the classical standards in Argentina, its flashy wardrobes and sets were a cross between Art Deco and Punk. Close-up images of the singers were projected on a giant screen as they sang, creating the sense of a simultaneous stage performance and wide-screen movie.

The 1989 season will include several such productions, based on innovative staging techniques being used in Europe: "Don Gio-vanni" by Lluis Pasqual, Bartók's "Bluebeard's Castle," staged by Alfredo Rodriguez Arias, an Argentine working in Paris, and Berg's "Lulu," staged by Jorge Lavelli, another Paris Argentine.

The Colon, the second theater to bear that name, is the survivor of several opera houses that thrived here in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Although intended as a lyric theater - it was inaugurated in 1908 with Verdi's



The Teatro Colon, opened in 1908, is a glittering monument to Buenos Aires's love of culture.

nates performances of ballet, opera and concerts.

The greatest international names have performed here. As the only major opera house in the Southern Hemisphere, it was able to attract major stars at a time of year when European theaters were closed. Emigres like Fritz Busch and Erich Kleiber enriched the Colon's conducting staff dur-ing the 1930s and World War II. The 1987 season's attractions included the tenor Luciano Pavarotti and the New York Philhar-

monic, directed by Zubin Mehta. Argentine audiences are both demanding and appreciative. They like seeing and hearing international stars but are quick to detect a performance that is be-low par. But they become wildly excited when one of their own performers goes on to fame in the United States or Europe.

Ballet fans here, for instance, are inclined to write off the Colon's dance ensemble, but the "Alda" -- the Colon now alter- young star Julio Bocca, who

ater from the Colon in 1986, gets get of about \$10 million a year, the attention of a conquering Only 15 percent is covered by the attention of a conquering sports hero when he returns.

Despite the probably justified feeling that the ensembles lack the depth of quality of comparable theaters elsewhere, there are other examples of fine talent nurtured by the Colon. Jorge Donn, long a principal dancer and now chore-ographer for Maurice Bejart's company, studied at the Colon's

A tragic example was José Neg-lia, who was named best male dancer at the International Dance Festival in Paris in 1968, but died in a 1971 plane crash with eight other Colon dancers. Maximi-liano Guerra and Eleanora Cassano, two Colon dancers who won a silver medal at last year's New York International Dance Competition, are guest performers with the Los Angeles Ballet.

The Colon, with seats for 2,200 and standing room for several

joined the American Ballet The- hundred more, operates on a budticket sales, with the remainder coming from the municipal government. The theater employs about 1,000 people full time, and about 400 others for part of each

Although this city of more than 10 million people has always been the cultural heart of Argentina, the provincial capitals also built splendid lyric theaters early in the century. Some still function, providing stages for tours by the Colon companies and others. This love of grand theaters and

quality performances is usually attributed to the massive Italian immigration to Argentina of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Some 40 percent of the surnames in Argentina are Italian, about the same percentage as Spanish. But if the Italians brought an approciation for the performing arts, it appears to have spread today into all sectors of the population.

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Playwright's Papers

Williams be given to Harvard University, over objections by trustees. New York in giving the 1988 and for the late playwright's sister who to Barthelme, 57, a professor 3 said the papers may contain "scan- English at the University of Hoss dalous" allusions to living people. ton. Both sides sought custody of the manuscripts at a hearing in Key West, where the playwright lived for many years. The papers, appraised at \$175,626, are in the vaults of the Southeast Bank in collect the \$17,500 reward because the sum of the southeast Bank in collect the \$17,500 reward because the sum of the southeast Bank in collect the \$17,500 reward because the sum of П

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Roy Colm threw a party. The other night, a year and a half after the death of the controversial lawyer. they threw a party for the book he helped to write. Cohn would have loved the turnout. The principal owner of the New York Yankees. George Steinbrenner, was there and Preston Robert Tisch, the former postmaster general Judges and prosecutors showed up, as did Representative Mario Biaggi, currently on trial on racketeering charges. "Roy's Rolodex was the backbone of the party list," said Sidney Zion, whose book, "The Autobiography of Roy Cohn by Sidney Ziou," published by Lyle Stuart, provided the occasion for the gathering at a Manhattan pub. Not everyone on the list showed up. Barbara Walters and Donald J.
Trump were out of town. "I think some people probably came to celebrate that Roy's no longer around." Andrew J. Stein, the City Council president, said. "A lot of people bated him." One of those was Paul O'Dwyer, the former City Council president, who said: "I disapproved of him almost totally. I'm here because of my friend Sidney Zion. In fact, this is the first Roy Cohn party I've ever attended."
The restaurateur Vincent Sardi said, "He's the only man who ever

Donald Barthelme has been inson, of Wichita Falls, is a 19. named the winner of the \$25,000 graduate of Harvard Divin Rea Award, given annually to an School and comes from a weati. butstanding writer of short stories. Texas oil family.

walked into my restaurant and was

boood."

A Florida judge has ordered that "No richer - or imnier A Florida judge has ordered that unpublished writings by Tennessee course exists in contemporary and the judy said in American fiction, the judy said in

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waits of the Southeast Dank in Miami. Williams's sister. Rose, 78, will still be the beneficiary of literary rights to his works. Her trustees said she is in good health, but has said she is in good health, but has said she is in good health. But has said she is in good health but has said she is in good health. said she is in good health, but has said she is in good health, but has been institutionalized for 53 years because of her delicate mental condition. Circuit Judge Helio Gomez said he found "no words of limitation of any kind" in Williams's will. here on a payroll and that's the it is." The painting. "Fishing Boi Under the Chilfs of Eiretat," It never seemed to matter whether they loved or loathed him, when stolen from the Fisher Community Center in Marshalltown March 15 1987, and recovered this month Experts say the painting is day

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